

WMU Holds 89th Annual Meet

Registration Reaches 1353

"Publish Glad Tidings..."

The Mississippi Baptist Woman's Missionary Union adjourned its eighty-ninth annual Convention Wednesday afternoon of last week after electing officers and hearing inspirational messages and encouraging reports.

Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, president, was reelected; according to custom of presidents serving six consecutive terms.

Elected as vice-president

was Mrs. Carey E. Cox, Clinton, succeeding Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City.

Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, was re-elected as recording secretary with Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, reelected as assistant recording secretary.

Registration for the convention totaled 1353, with 625 attending the GA meeting Tuesday.

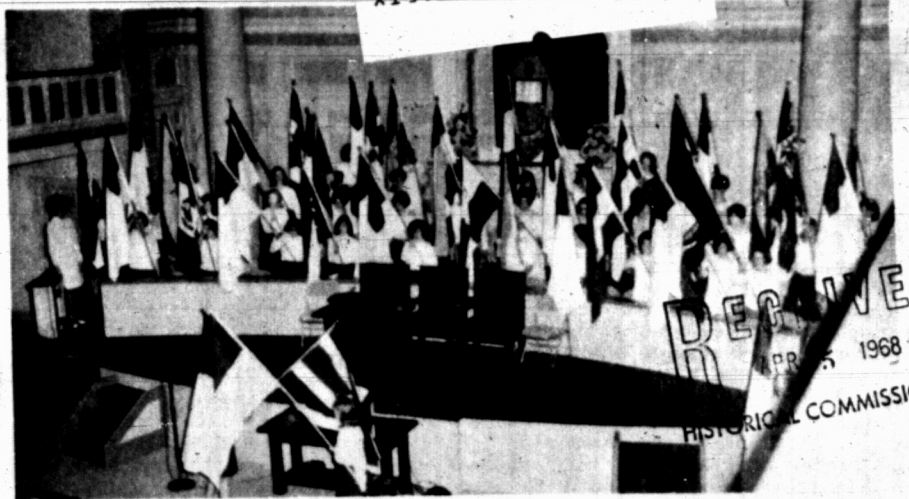
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By Anne Washburn McWilliams
It did not snow during the 89th annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, March 26 and 27. The redbuds and azaleas outside Calvary Church in Jackson tried to outdo each other in welcoming 1353 women from 68 of the state's 77 counties. All traces of the heavy snow, only four days earlier, were completely gone. The

sun shone and the temperature was pleasant.

Women of all ages, from city churches and country churches, gathered to think together on the theme, "Publish Glad Tidings." Mrs. D. R. Bowen of Cleveland was present for her 32nd consecutive WMU Convention.

Mrs. W. E. Hannah of Clinton, as poised and charming as usual, crisp and attractive (Continued On Page 2)



The flags of approximately 25 nations cooperating in the Crusade of the Americas were displayed in effective ceremony by the YWA girls during Tuesday evening session in which Crusade was featured.

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SBC Group Probes Issues

WASHINGTON (BP)—President Lyndon B. Johnson told 250 Baptist leaders here that "the only sure and lasting solution to frustration and discontent and disorder lies beyond government programs."

"It will require a change in men's hearts," the President declared. Then he issued a direct challenge to the religious leaders by saying "There, my friends, is where you come in." He laid responsibility directly on the religious leadership of the nation to help change the way people see and treat their neighbors.

Johnson spoke to the Christian Citizenship Seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention of which Foy Valentine is executive secretary.

The conferees also heard numerous other speakers, both from within and without the government, dealing with issues facing the nation and its citizens today.

Among those appearing on the program were the attorney general of the United States, a Senator, a congressman, some college presidents, a religious editor some Southern Baptist pastors, and others.

The meeting with the President took place in the Rose Garden of the White House, the same place he addressed a similar group four years ago.

After some light bantering with the Baptists about Disciples of Christ, Methodists, Presbyterians and Episcopalians, Johnson plunged directly into the problems confronting the nation. He described the issue in the Biblical question, "Who is my neighbor?"

He declared that man, regardless of where he lives, "is our neighbor, our responsibility."

The President praised the Baptists for coming to the nation's capital to study their citizenship responsibilities "in the face of change and upheaval and disorder."

In an apparent reference to the Kerner Commission Report on civil disorders, the President agreed that the solution to joblessness is jobs, to ignorance is educational opportunity, to bad housing is better housing, and to a cure for crime is a sense of pride and participation in the community by every citizen.

But this is not enough, the President said, as he declared that the ultimate solution goes deeper and as he appeals for a change in the hearts of people.

"All of us believe, as George Washington believed," Johnson concluded, "that the roots of public policy must lie in private morality."

The President did not mention the problem of war in Vietnam as he spoke to the Christian Citizenship Seminar.

Justice Needed
The attorney general of the United States, the honorable Ramsey Clark, told the Conference that one of the most urgent needs of the nation is "an ardent desire for justice in the hearts of the people." (Continued On Page 3)

Beauty Contest Cancelled, Crusade Scheduled Instead

LONG BEACH, Calif. (BP)—In an unusual turn of events, the International Beauty Contest here has been cancelled, freeing the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium for use on the same dates by Southern Baptists staging an Encounter-California crusade.

Although the beauty contest is scheduled for the same comparative week next year, it was the first time in its history that the contest had been cancelled.

Baptist leaders here, as a result of the unusual turn of events, said they feel God is on their side in the crusade.

CAREY CAMPAIGN PASSES \$403,000

Officials of William Carey College entertained Friday evening, March 29, at an Appreciation Dinner in honor of the friends and benefactors of the college who are engaged in working for the completion of the \$500,000 Science Building drive. Some 200 persons were in attendance. These were composed of campaign workers, contributors, faculty, trustees, and staff.

Dr. J. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college, announced that \$403,839 had already been subscribed and that the remaining \$96,161 of the goal would probably be reached within the coming week. He said, "Late decisions of some of our best friends are sure to push us another large step on our way to complete success in our drive for a new Science Building."

Entertainment for the Appreciation dinner was presented by Professor Obra Quave of the Speech and Drama Department. He was assisted by students Sandy Castleberry, Linda Walden, and David Bowman.

Bruce C. Aultman, president

of the Carey Board of Trustees, was Master of Ceremonies. Lewis Foweraker, Campaign General Chairman, addressed the group and introduced Advanced Gifts Chairman Clarence Davis, president of Southern National Bank, and Special Gifts Chairman Joe Tatum, Wilmut Gas and Oil Co. Dr. Joseph Ernest, academic vice-president announced that the Carey faculty and staff had donated over \$35,000 to the drive.

Georgia Baptists Cite Mercer Ties

ATLANTA (BP)—A statement which reaffirms the historic relationship between Mercer University in Macon, Ga., and the Georgia Baptist Convention was adopted here by the convention's executive committee.

The statement reminded the Baptist college's trustees and administration of "the strong ties and the cooperative relationship" between the convention and Mercer University.

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Album Cut By Singing Churchmen Available

The album of sacred music recorded by the Singing Churchmen of Mississippi last year, is now available and can be secured from the Church Music Department, according to Dan C. Hall, director of the Department.

"This is a first for Mississippi," Mr. Hall said, adding that the project is in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, which supervised the recording.

The purposes of the project were given by Mr. Hall, as follows:

1. To establish a scholarship fund, from profits of sales, for students attending Mississippi's four Baptist colleges who are planning to become church musicians.

2. To provide a recording for the Radio and Television Commission's various programs, including The Baptist Hour, and also for their new Christian Home Music Record Club.

3. To provide an album of excellent sacred music for

Baptist homes and churches in Mississippi, as well as for the public.

4. To provide devotional music for all the radio and television stations in Mississippi. (The Radio and Television Commission will give a free album to every station in the state. The Commission will also give to each station devotional tapes which will include some of the songs recorded in the album.)

The organist was Dr. Donald Winters, dean Department of Fine Arts, Wm. Carey College, Hattiesburg, with Mrs. Clyde C. Bryan, Jackson, and Edwin Sudduth, Gulfport, accompanists.

Featured also in the album is the String Quartet of Mississippi College with Allan Fuller, assistant professor of music at the college, in charge.

Others in quartet are: Philip A. Lowe, Anne Mason and Dick Brown.

Songs recorded include: (Continued On Page 2)



New officers, elected by the WMU Convention, are, from left: Mrs. Carey E. Cox, Clinton, vice-president; Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, president, (reelected); Mrs. D. P. Godman, Jackson, recording secretary, (reelected); and Miss Sue Tatum, Yazoo City, assistant recording secretary (reelected). Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary, is seen at right.



Several leaders at WMU Convention are seen at hand table at luncheon held for program personalities, officers and staff. From left: Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Fling, Cleburne, Texas, SBC WMU president, speaker; Mrs. W. E. Hannah, Clinton, president; Dr. Joe Tuten, host pastor, and Miss Martha Franks, former missionary to Taiwan, devotional leader.

Baptist Spokesman Asks For Judicial Review Law

WASHINGTON (BP)—A Baptist leader here urged Congress to enact a judicial review bill in an effort to make it easier to test the constitutionality of acts of Congress on First Amendment grounds.

Walfred H. Peterson, director of research services of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, testified before a subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee that is having hearings on the subject of judicial review.

The U. S. Senate twice, in 1966 and in 1967, has passed overwhelmingly a judicial review bill, but this is the first time it has received any attention in the House of Representatives.

The current series of hearings began on March 6 with testimony from members of Congress and a representative of the administration.

Two more hearings were held on March 27 and 28. Another day of hearings are scheduled for April 3, and after that further hearings will be held if the Judiciary Committee wishes.

Rep. Emanuel Celler (D., N.Y.) chairman of the House Judiciary Committee has been cool to the judicial review bill, as has been the leadership of the House of Representatives. In the light of known attitudes in the House it is not likely that action will be taken on judicial review soon.

Another factor that may slow down the bill is the New York Case. Flast vs. Gardner, now before the Supreme Court on the question of "standing to sue." Some Congressmen feel that it is inappropriate to push judicial review in the House at present lest it be interpreted to mean that Congress is trying to influence the decision of the Supreme Court in a case now under consideration.

In the Baptist testimony, Peterson pointed out that he was speaking only for the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. The committee itself has taken no formal stand on judicial review, but it has encouraged its staff to follow the developments in this field.

Neither have any of the Baptist conventions sponsoring the Baptist Joint Committee passed any special resolutions specifically on the judicial review bill before Congress.

However, Peterson pointed out that the Baptist constituencies would be glad for some provision to speed up judicial review of church-state issues in much recent legislation enacted by Congress.

Although Peterson testified in favor of the judicial review bill, he also said under cross-examination that he was not a member of the committee.

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Florida Baptist College Plans Fall Opening

First classes for Florida Baptist College will be held this fall on the campus of the First Baptist Church in West Palm Beach.

This was announced Friday by Dr. Jess Moody, chairman of the board of trustees, who also announced that Dr. John Carter has been appointed executive vice president of the college.

Dr. Carter resigned as president of Campbellville College, Campbellville, Ky. to accept the administrative role in the new college because, as he puts it, "This is the most exciting challenge in higher education that I have ever seen and I want to be a part of it."

At the news conference was Amos Jackson, chairman of the board of the Palm Beach Development Board who said, "This is a red letter day for Palm Beach County. We look forward to helping you in any way possible in the building of this greatest college."

Dr. Moody announced that the philosophy of the college (Continued On Page 2)

Pastor-Missionary Retreat Planned

The annual Pastor-Missionary Retreat will be held at Camp Garaywa April 22 - 26, according to Dr. Foy Rogers, director of the Cooperative Missions Department, a sponsor.

Those invited to attend include superintendents of missions, pastors, educational directors, ministers of music, chaplains, and others interested.

Out-of-state leaders to appear on program include Dr. Porter Routh, executive, secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the SBC; Dr. Loyd Corder, secretary Department of Language Group Ministries, and Dr. Willis A. Brown, secretary military personnel ministries of the Division of Chaplaincy, both of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Garland Hendricks, professor of church-community development at Southeastern Baptist Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.; Howard H. Hallsell, associational work consultant, Sunday School Department, and Joe Hinkle, consultant in Church Administration Department, both of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Featured will be inspirational addresses, fellowship and conferences on all phases of Baptist work.

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Dr. Garland Hendricks



Dr. Porter Routh

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"Publish Glad Tidings"

(Continued From Page 1) day evening to "meet the missionaries."

Five hundred forty-five Sunbeams attended the "meet the missionaries" period Tuesday afternoon.

Committees reporting included nominating, Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., Woodville, chairman; greetings and courtesy, Mrs. Harold Brumfield, Jackson, chairman.

Ushers were provided by the host church, Parkway and Van Winkle, both also of Jackson.

Several foreign missionaries brought fresh reports from their fields of work.

A highlight was the Tuesday evening session featuring the Crusade of the Americas.

The three principal speakers were Dr. Wayne Dehoney, pastor Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. Robert Fling, Cleburne, Texas, SBC WMU president, and Dr. Eva Kennard, Berkeley, Calif., Home Board missionary to International students.

Highlights from their messages follow:

Mrs. Robert Fling
"Many changes compete as descriptive captions for our era. We live in the atomic age, the space age, the crisis age."

"The magnitude and rapidity of change are implied by designating this as an age of science and technology, of mobility and urbanization, and of education and communication."

"The population explosion is termed a 'birthquake,' the moral revolution is called a 'sexplosion.'"

"The majority of today's changes have direct bearing on our response as Christians, deeply affecting the church and its mission."

"They have grave bearing on WMU and the tasks it performs for the church."

"Our challenge is to offer the unchanging gospel in the most imaginative and compelling forms possible."

"With the help of Christ we can make a new decision born of a new commitment to be

effective witnesses in this day."

Dr. Wayne Dehoney
"Certainly, God has placed us at one of the great moments in time, a pivotal point for humanity, when hopefully this world could turn to face in another direction — toward God."

"The Crusade of the Americas is the greatest organized evangelistic thrust ever attempted by any religious group."

"The Crusade involves more geography, more churches and more Christians than any other evangelistic effort in history."

"It is a mandate of God! It is a challenge! It is hope! It is the proclamation of the eloquent and supremely adequate truth, 'Christ, the only hope,' to the 500 million people of the Western hemisphere!"

"The Crusade has united more than 20 million Baptists in more than 100,000 churches in 28 countries and 30 conventions of the Americas in a gigantic hemispheric evangelistic campaign."

Dr. Eva Kennard
"As we look at our world today, what is our reaction to its chaos and corruption, its madness and sickness?"

"Is it to wreak vengeance upon the evildoers? Is it to be content with comfortable conformity? Is it to flee the wild seas of life, anchoring our souls in some haven of rest?"

"No, a thousand times no! What are we to do then? If we really care—as God cares for this Humpty-Dumpty world?"

"Everyday are we not guilty of trying to be compassionate by proxy—in a thousand small uncaring ways?"

"A Hindu friend said to me one day, 'Eva, I don't see how Christian people are different from other people.'"

"Are we prepared to love other people at considerable personal cost? Are we willing to go into the dark and messy situations of life to bring the balm of heaven to ailing humanity?"

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in black and white stripes, and white hat, called the meeting to order, the fifth since she became state president. (She was re-elected to begin her sixth year in office.)

Behind her, and in front of the baptistry, was a large replica of the WMU emblem, flanked by arrangements of lavender chrysanthemums, carrying out the WMU colors of lavender and white.

Preparation for this convention began as long as two years ago when Miss Edwina Robinson, executive secretary, Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union, asked David Ford to be in charge of the music. (Mr. Ford is now minister of music and youth at Port Arthur, Texas.) By the time "Miss Ed" had driven from Calvary to her office in the new Baptist Building she had already started thinking of next year's convention.

Conventions take months, and sometimes years, of preparation and planning, and work. They involve scores of people in this process of planning and carrying out plans. The WMU Convention, for instance, involved:

The state WMU staff: Miss Edwina Robinson, Miss Lynda Ashley, Mrs. Mary Catherine Atwood, Miss Virginia Johnson, Miss Ruth Little, Miss Marjean Patterson, Mrs. Willie Schotte, Miss Waudine Storey, and Miss Brenda Kay Stephens.

The host church, Calvary, Jackson, the Calvary staff and pastor, Dr. Joe H. Tuten, who led the opening prayer on Tuesday morning.

Missionary speakers (all from Mississippi except three): Antonina Canzoneri, Nigeria; Margaret Fairburn, Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. James Foster, Philippines; Martha Franks of Laurens, S. C., distinguished missionary to China and Taiwan, now retired, who led the periods of worship; Emogene Harris, Nigeria; Mary Louise Hobart, Tanzania; Dr. Eva Marie Kennard, home missionary working with Internationals in Cal-

fornia; Mary Frank Kirkpatrick, Nigeria; Mr. and Mrs. Hal Lee, France; Robert Hollifield, Italy; Georgia Mae Ogburn, Chile; Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Williams, Nigeria. (Mr. Williams is a Texan.)

Other program personalities: Mrs. Robert Fling of Cleburne, Texas, WMU president, SBC; Dr. Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Ky., North American Regional Coordinator of the Crusade of the Americas; and others.

Musicians: David Ford, chorister-soloist; Mrs. Jack Harding, Jr., Calvary, Jackson, organist; Gordon H. Sansing, Hubert Staley, Dennis Bucher, and Lacey Rogers quartet from Calvary.

Sunbeams and GAs: 562 Sunbeams and 625 GAs came to "meet the missionaries." Of course, their mothers and leaders were involved in sending or bringing them.

YWAs: Fifty-two young women participated in the beautiful and thrilling flag ceremony on Tuesday night. They carried flags of 26 countries, those countries participating in the Crusade of the Americas. "Brazil" and the "United States" stood at the front, side by side, with the Christian flag on either side. Immediately following this ceremony, Dr. Wayne Dehoney spoke on the "Challenge of the Crusade of the Americas."

Mothers of missionaries: Mothers present who have missionary sons and-or daughters were recognized at the Tuesday morning session, and at a Tuesday luncheon held especially in their honor.

Convention Committees: Mrs. J. W. Cocke, General Chairman; Mrs. James Briger, Transportation; Mrs. W. A. Bright, Information; Mrs. Preston Crosby, Registration; Mrs. E. H. Hughes, Decorations; Mrs. O. H. Kerr, Lunches; Mrs. R. H. Young, Ushers; Mrs. Sam L. Cocke, Sunbeams; Mrs. Dennis Bucher, Assistant Sunbeams; GAs; Greetings and Courtesy, Mrs. Harold Brumfield, Chairman; Nominating, Mrs. E. M. Kee, Jr., Chairman.

Ushers: Calvary Church, Parkway Church, Van Winkle Church, Jackson.

Cooks, maids, dietitian, and others who planned, cooked, served, and "cleaned up after" two special luncheons.

The Executive Board of Mississippi WMU: This includes the president and vice-president of each of the eleven districts in the state. All were present except one. At the luncheon on Tuesday, the Board members served as hostesses, each as hostess for one speaker and one mother of a missionary.

These and many others were involved. But all the preparations by all these people were worth all the time and the effort spent. This convention inspired and challenged all those present to make a renewed and greater effort to "publish glad tidings" at home and abroad, the tidings "that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same."

Pastor-Missionary

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will be led by Rev. Therman Bryant and Rev. Leon Emery, associates in the Cooperative Missions Department.

Conferences for chaplains and those interested in that field will be led by Dr. Brown and other members of the Home Mission Board Chaplains' Commission.

Dr. Rogers will lead conferences for superintendents of missions, assisted by workers from the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Other state leaders to appear on program will include Dr. Charles Scott, dean of students at Mississippi College.

The retreat will begin at 2 p.m. Monday and adjourn at noon Friday.

March 15, 1970 — The Cincinnati Red Stockings became the first professional baseball team by announcing regular payments to players and then began a successful 8-month tour of the East and Middle West.



MOTHERS OF MISSIONARIES were recognized and honored at the Tuesday morning session of the WMU Convention last week. Mrs. Owen Cooper of Yazoo City introduced the mothers who were present. Seated, top photo, left to right, Mrs. Merle Johns, Pelahatchie; Mrs. W. E. Bethen, Jackson; Mrs. W. L. Latham, Forkville; Mrs. W. B. Alexander, Boyle; standing, left to right: Mrs. J. M. Kirkpatrick, Noxapater; Mrs. Joe Canzoneri, Jackson; Mrs. Lewis Myers, Cleveland; and Mrs. C. C. Applewhite, Jackson. Bottom photo, seated left to right, Mrs. J. M. Henderson, Forest; Mrs. C. O. Trenor, Houston; Mrs. F. E. Foster, Jackson; Mrs. A. L. Lowe, Pascagoula; standing left to right, Mrs. Margaret McMullan, Memphis; Mrs. W. T. Harris, Brandon; Mrs. Martin Gilbert, Union; Mrs. J. A. Porter, Meridian; and Mrs. W. J. Dittsworth, Pascagoula.



DR. EVA KENNARD of Berkeley, Calif., Home Board missionary to International students, speaks to group of GA's Tuesday night. Six hundred twenty-five attended during the evening.

Album Cut

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"Send Me, O Lord, Send Me," "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know," "All That Thrills My Soul," "Lost in the Night," "Love Divine," I Must Tell Jesus, "Set My Soul Afire," "I Want My Lord To Be Near," "An Evening Prayer," "Beautiful Saviour."

Those desiring albums are asked to write to the Church Music Department, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., stating number desired and whether for stereo or monaural.

The price per album is \$3.98 and remittances should be made out to "Church Music Scholarship Fund."

Those ordering fewer than five copies are asked to add 27c additional for postage and handling.

Those ordering five or more need not add any additional.

Musicians recording the album follow:

Cecil Harper, Charles Muller, Jimmy Jones, Bill Santo, Jerry Talley, Tom Moake, Eddie Hebert, Dennis Bucher, Dan D. Hall, all of Jackson; Gerald Claxton, Rolland Shaw, both of Clinton; Syd Doty, Forest; George Van Egmond, New Albany; Tommy Howard, Leland; Major McDaniel, Natchez; Vernon Polk, Grenada; Bill Sellers, Canton; L. Graham Smith, J. T. Hannaford, both of Pascagoula; Bob Jones, Gulfport; Harold Hancock, Biloxi; Paul Padgett, Picayune; H. G. Earwood, Jr., Columbus; J. B. Betts, Indianola; Lewis M. Bridges, Greenwood; Donald Brown, Batesville; R. L. Sigrest, Yazoo City; and the following who have since left the state: Cecil Deas, Jim Raymick, Bernie Parker, Dan Fowler, and J. T. Taylor.

Florida Baptists

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will be centered around "the three w's"—world, work, witness. The board chairman, in explaining the creed said that students will be required to work at least 10 hours a week either on or off campus. "We are interested in the co-ordination of the total person. We will seek poverty pockets in the area and help refurbish these areas. We want to become a servant institution of our community."

Dr. Moody announced that services of the Norton Art Gallery in West Palm Beach will be utilized by the college. "The Norton Beach of Directors," Dr. Moody said, "were delighted by our plans to hold classes at the museum which is only two blocks from the college campus."

College students will hear great men of the world who lecture in the Palm Beaches every year. "Next year," Dr. Moody said, "the students will hear such men as Vice President Hubert Humphrey, Richard Nixon, George Wallace."

"The college will use the church campus until the new campus in Palm Beach Gardens is ready," Dr. Moody said. "However, we won't build until we have sufficient funds for construction."

Dr. Moody announced that a campaign to raise \$400,000 for the college is now underway. "This money will be used," Dr. Moody said, "for instruction, equipment and for remodeling the existing buildings at the interim campus."

The college has received more than 50 applications from prospective students and faculty members. Dr. Carter said he is already interviewing prospective instructors. Enrollment for the first year will be limited to 300 students.

"One of the biggest problems in education today is the faculty," Dr. Carter said. "I'm happy to say that this is not the case here. We will have an outstanding faculty if the caliber of applicants is any indication."

The new executive vice president also said that part-time teaching positions are open and urged those interested to apply at the college, 1101 South Olive, West Palm Beach.



REV. JOHN SMITH, missionary to Indonesia, shows pieces of materials native to that country, to a group of Sunbeam members, as 545 of them attended the "meet the missionaries" session on Tuesday afternoon.



MEN WERE SPECIALLY INVITED to the Tuesday evening session and several present, were, from left: Dr. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City layman; Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, both of whom were on program; Dr. Wayne Dehoney, speaker and Dr. J. S. Riser, pastor of Calvary Church Mission in Jackson.



WMU Convention music leaders practice for a number. David Ford, Port Arthur, Texas, is soloist with Mrs. Jack Harding, host church organist.

R. A.'S Registering For Coming Congress

The first wave of about 1,200 Royal Ambassadors and their counselors from Southern Baptist churches have already registered for the Fourth National Royal Ambassador Congress in Oklahoma City, Aug. 13-15.

Some 1,600 requests for rooms are being filled now.

Leaders of the boys' missionary education organization in Virginia, for example, have reserved 800 spaces at the event, which is held each five years.

South Carolina Royal Ambassadors have asked for about 300 spaces and North Carolina is requesting almost 200 reservations, according to Edward Hurt Jr., who is processing the requests at the Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.

Hurt said he expects 10,000

Royal Ambassadors to attend the three-day congress to hear missionaries and Christian laymen bring Baptist world missions to life.

Other features on the program include appearances by Tommy Lester, of television's "Green Acres" show, Robert Short, author of *The Gospel According to Peanuts*, and Jim Shoulders, world champion cowboy.

Royal Ambassadors or their adult leaders attending the congress must do two things, (1) register with the Brotherhood Commission, remitting \$3 for each man and boy (this includes a chuck-wagon dinner), and (2) state how many room accommodations are needed.

The registration form, available at all state Baptist Brotherhood offices, has full details, Hurt said.

GEORGIA BAPTISTS CITE MERGER TIES

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tion and the school since it was established in 1883, and that these ties be strengthened.

The resolution came in response to a statement adopted by the Mercer trustees in response to accreditation standards. The Mercer statement told the accrediting body that Mercer will "welcome the expression of any wish, opinion or judgment of any person or body of persons on any matters, yet after having considered these, the Mercer trustees as a body will make the decisions on them in accord with their conscience and responsibility as trustees."

Reacting to this statement, the Georgia Baptist Convention Executive Committee "reminded" the Mercer trustees that (1) the school was established by the convention and operated by convention elected trustees, (2) the school makes annual reports to the convention, (3) Georgia Baptists are giving the school financial support, (4) the convention "should continue to exercise its rights under the charter to elect trustees," and (5) there is a provision that no institution may incur indebtedness without special convention authority.

The president of the Georgia Baptist Convention, J. Robert Smith of Statesboro, Ga., said he saw no conflict between the Mercer and the Executive Committee statements. "They are merely an effort to clear the air with the accrediting agencies."

Some observers noted that there has been increasing tension between the convention and the school, especially since the Mercer trustees voted recently to ask its executive committee to study the possibility of seeking "all federal funds and help available." The study is to be completed in April.

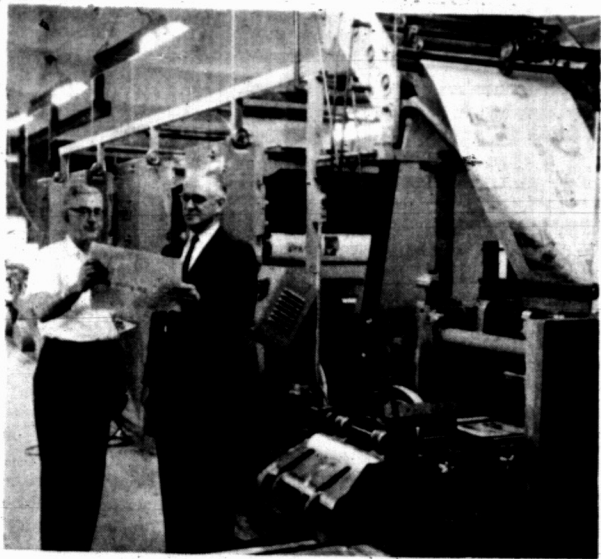
At the meeting here, William T. Haywood, financial vice president at Mercer, explained that the other Mercer statement had no connection with the federal funds study proposal, although both matters were discussed at the same trustees meeting.

Later during the meeting here, Pastor D. Perry Ginn of Gainesville, Ga., offered a motion authorizing appointment of a special committee to bring about severance of ties between Mercer and the convention should the Mercer trustees vote in April to seek federal funds, but Ginn's motion was tabled.

Meanwhile, a controversy has been raging in Macon because Mercer has asked the city to declare 35 acres of adjoining property as urban renewal and sell it to Mercer for future expansion.

Homeowners objected because the plan would call for demolition of private homes, many of which are not substandard.

Mercer officials told the Macon City Council that it must have the 35 acres of land and some additional property for an \$11 million expansion plan covering 12 years. The area in question is just east of the campus.



DUKE H. THORNTON, left, of Thornton Publishers, and Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, look at the first issue of the Baptist Record to come off the new "off-set" press (four-unit Color King) August 2, 1962.

Duke H. Thornton, Baptist Record Printer, Dies

Duke H. Thornton, 70, founder of Thornton Publishing Company, which company has printed the Baptist Record since 1958, died unexpectedly March 27, at his farm home near Raymond after an apparent heart attack. He was a resident of 730 Gillespie Street, Jackson.

Mr. Thornton was born near Tillatoba, and spent his childhood in Pascagoula, Columbia, Canton, and Newton, where his father was a school teacher, publisher, and county agent. He graduated from Mississippi State University in 1918 and continued his interest in the university through the Mississippi State Alumni Association which he had served as president.

He moved to Jackson in 1930 and for 17 years was superintendent of the mechanical department of the Clarion-Ledger.

For eleven years he was editor, and owner of the Neshoba County Democrat. He returned to Jackson where he founded the Thornton Publishing Company. He retired last year, but his company has continued the printing of the Baptist Record. Since retirement, he had operated a cattle farm near Raymond.

He was a member of Broadmoor Baptist Church; a mem-

Mrs. O. E. Fairley Dies In Montana

Mrs. Grace Shurden Fairley, 36, wife of Rev. Ovis E. Fairley, pastor of Miles City Baptist Church, Miles City, Montana, died in the Holy Rosary Hospital in Miles City on Tuesday, March 26, after a brief illness.

She had suffered a severe virus attack several weeks earlier from which she had not fully recovered, and examination the week before her death revealed an enlarged heart. She went into the hospital on Thursday and suffered the fatal heart attack on the following Tuesday, the day of her death.

She is survived by her husband; five children; Ellen, 15; Peter, 12; Carol, 10; Jacqueline, 8; and Timothy, 5; her mother, Mrs. W. H. Shurden, Grape Vine, Texas; two brothers, Walter of Fayetteville, Tenn., and Herman of Dallas, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Frances McCuan of Grape Vine, Texas and Mrs. Earl Ezell of Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Funeral services were held in the Miles City Baptist Church, and then in Calvary Church, Greenwood, Mississippi. Burial was in Odd Fellows Cemetery in Greenwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Fairley and their family had moved to Montana from Roundaway Church, Indiana, in August 1967.

Mrs. Fairley was born in Courtland, and moved to Greenwood at an early age. She attended Greenwood schools, Hinds Jr. College, Mississippi College and graduated at Delta State with B.S. in education. At the time of her death she was teaching school in Miles City, as well as assisting her husband in the work of the church.

Brother Fairley plans to return to Miles City with his children, to continue his ministry there.

R. B. Thomas Dies In Hattiesburg

Baptists of Mississippi have suffered the loss of a dedicated Christian and a generous benefactor in the death on March 26 of Robert Brooks Thomas of Hattiesburg. Funeral services were held March 28 at Main Street Church.

A long-time trustee of William Carey College, Mr. Thomas was only last year honored with the naming for him of the new fine arts building on the William Carey College campus. The one-half million dollar facility, known as Thomas Fine Arts Center, has been a tremendous asset to the Carey campus and the city of Hattiesburg. For many years, Mr. Thomas provided means for dozens of students to obtain a Christian education on the Carey campus.

Until nine years ago, he lived at Wiggins, where he

Texas; two granddaughters, Mrs. Thomas R. Seely of Webster, Texas, and Miss Carolyn Carpenter of Fort Worth, Texas; one half-brother, Gaines Thomas of Waynesboro; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Thomas' interests were not limited to Mississippi. He generously aided in the foreign mission program and personally contributed to the mission work of several missionaries. His fondest hope was some day to visit the foreign mission field, but this desire was never fulfilled.

"The influence for Christ that Mr. R. B. Thomas has had on our campus in the past fifteen years is immeasurable," said President J. Ralph Noonkester of Carey College. "He will be missed, but his spirit will live on in the hearts of many, many students who have been beneficiaries of his interest and generosity."



R. B. Thomas

was in the mercantile business.

Mr. Thomas was a member of Main Street Baptist Church and was also on the board of development of New Orleans Seminary. He was 79 years old, and is survived by his wife; one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Carpenter of Brownwood,

Baptist TV, Radio News Writers Form Association

FT. WORTH (BP) — Southern Baptist news editors and correspondents, at a recent meeting at the Southern Baptist Commission's International Communications Center in Fort Worth, formed a new organization designed to improve the flow of religious news.

Called the Television and Radio News Editors Association of the Southern Baptist Convention, the new organization's purpose will be to work with the radio staff of the Radio-TV Commission to assure that radio listeners receive complete and current news on religious matters.

The Commission's news department prepares and tape records news programs for the individual states and ships them out for broadcast. More than 300 radio stations in 11 states now carry the programs.

Correspondents from the 11 states served — Texas, North Carolina, South Carolina, Arkansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Louisiana, Mississippi, Georgia, Oklahoma, and Missouri — will serve in the new association.

Attending the organizational meeting and appointed to the association's advisory committee were: Erwin L. McDonald of Arkansas, Mrs. Evelyn Strickland of Tennessee, Miss Joan Harvison of Missouri, John Roberts of South Carolina, Jesse Strickler of Kentucky, Jim Lester of Georgia, Joe Abrams of Mississippi, Ross Edwards of Missouri, Jerry Pate of Texas, and officials of the Radio and Television Commission.

Under this situation, he continued, "it is possible that a single state official will someday be responsible for administering a federally financed program affecting church-state relations that he could not administer were it a state financed program."

SBC Seminar Probes Issues

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The attorney general called for more church involvement in, and support for law enforcement, criminal rehabilitation and penology, and juvenile crime prevention.

Declaring that crime is intolerable, the attorney general said that organized crime can be eliminated, but to do so, it would take immediate and bold action. "No effort can succeed without the citizenry," including the churches, he added.

In a question and answer section, the attorney general drew applause when he declared his opposition to capital punishment. Clark said he had seen no evidence to prove to him that capital punishment is a deterrent to crime.

Following the speech by Attorney General Clark, the 250 Baptists attending the conference toured both the Justice Department and the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, hearing a report by HEW Assistant Secretary Paul Miller.

In a speech on the threat of crime, the executive director of the Chicago Crime Commission, Virgil W. Peterson, claimed that gambling is the basis for organized crime because it provides the money to finance organized crime.

Vice, dope, and illicit activities of all kinds are sure to follow where gambling exists — whether it is legal gambling or the undercover kind, Peterson said.

THE PARENTS LEFT BEHIND

By James V. Hudson, Jr.

We may pray for our missionaries. We might think of them as saints and heroes. We perhaps talk about their labors and file away their newsletters. We support them with our money. But — what of the parents these missionaries leave behind?

They do not wish to see their children and grandchildren board a ship or plane for remote destinations. They do not welcome unknown dangers and unaccustomed hardships for their young. They agonizingly bear having a dearest part of life absent almost endlessly.

Perhaps we should also remember the parents of missionaries. Perhaps the mothers and fathers who most sincerely want their children to do God's will may be the very ones who most keenly miss their children when God calls them to a distant land.

Could it be that the parents of missionaries need our prayers as often as the missionaries? Could it be that they receive our prayers the least?



Baptist Pavilion At HemisFair

MOVIE ACTOR Burgess Meredith narrates "Man's Search for God," an audio-visual presentation in the Baptist Pavilion at HemisFair 1968. The 13-minute color, sound film will be presented with psychedelic lighting. It is one of three exhibits in the Baptist Pavilion sponsored by the Baptist General Convention of Texas, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and the San Antonio Baptist Association. Dedication of the pavilion will be held on opening day, April 6, at 2 p. m. A special Baptist day is scheduled June 1 preceding the annual Southern Baptist Convention.



COOPERATIVE PROGRAM LEADERS, including association stewardship chairmen and superintendents from every section of the state were present for Cooperative Program Leaders Retreat held March 23-25 at Camp Garaywa. Several are seen looking over materials, from left: Rev. John Alexander, Jackson, director Stewardship Department, sponsor; Rev. L. D. Wall, superintendent of missions of Grenada-Yalobush associations; Dr. Brooks Wester, pastor First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; and Claude Townsend, Florence, president State Convention.

Nelson On Program At Meeting of SBC Business Officers

A. L. Nelson, Jackson, business manager, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will attend the Sixth Annual Conference of Southern Baptist Business Officers, to be held at the Annuity Board's 511 Building in Dallas, Texas, Thursday and Friday, April 4 and 5.

Mr. Nelson will be on program, as member of the Electronic Data Processing panel, discussing "Recent Trends in the Use of Computers."

Program personalities will also include Charles Baker, administrative assistant, Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis; Fred T. Bowman, treasurer, Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina; James H. Edmondson, president, Judson College, Marion, Alabama; Renis O. Jones, architect, Montgomery, Ala.; Shellie H. Inzer, Jr., purchasing agent, Mercer University, Macon, Ga.; and others.

Conference hosts will include members of the Development Division of the Annuity Board, SBC.

"Organized crime will be defeated when and if the majority of the people assume their duties of citizenship by their own refusal to patronize activities which support it, by speaking out against it, by testifying as witnesses, by serving as jurors, and by standing firm against corruption," Peterson declared.

In a banquet address, Christian Century Associate Editor Martin Marty urged church people to be more involved in building a political society with justice and order.

Christian Concern

If the Christian is concerned about justice, righteousness, and compassion, he will be involved in the political order, Marty observed.

Marty warned, however, that about one-half of the people in the nation feel alienated from the group which controls the political order, and somehow this alienated one-half must be involved or else they will become permanent drop-outs.

He listed as the alienated the following groups: Black America, the students, the poor, the educators, the new left and the radical right, the clergy, and the hippies and drop-outs.

An address by Lewis Rhodes the pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn., capped the three-day seminar sponsored by the Christian Life Commission, Southern Baptists' social action agency.

He urged Southern Baptist

to turn their backs upon selective evangelism in the approaching Crusade of Americas and open the doors of their churches to all groups for attendance, conversion, baptism and church membership.

Three obstacles hindering Southern Baptists in confronting basic problems in society include ecclesiology, their theology of salvation, and sociology, Rhodes said.

Unfortunately, Baptists excuse their lack of involvement in great issues because of ecclesiology, Rhodes said. He suggested this solution:

"If our ecclesiology prevents our meeting our responsibility to a disordered society, the answer is not to claim immunity from responsibility. It may be time to develop an ecclesiology capable of meeting our responsibility."

Rhodes told Southern Baptists they would need to deal with a national irrationality and incoherent frustration among the people in this country if they hoped to cope with a disordered society.

"No one can understand our disordered society unless he understands it in terms of the estrangement between affluence and poverty. There are other problems, to be sure, but they cannot be dealt with apart from this one."

Southern Baptists can begin the job by abandoning a laissez-faire attitude toward society and begin accepting their responsibility, Rhodes said.

Viet Nam

To get out of Vietnam now or stay and keep trying to win — that was a major question the 250 Southern Baptists were asked to consider.

To desire to find a way to peace immediately was expressed by Paul Geren, president of Stetson University of Deland, Fla., and Sen. John Sherman Cooper (R., Ky.) in key addresses.

Representative Jim Wright (D., Tex.) of Fort Worth supported President Johnson in his stand to win the war in Vietnam.

The question focused on a portion of the seminar theme, "Christian Action in a Disordered Society."

Geren, a former foreign service officer and executive vice-president at Baylor University, declared his political support this fall for the presidential candidate whom he felt offered the best hope of bringing the earliest peace in Vietnam, regardless of party affiliation. He did not name the person.

The dovish position brought a series of hawkish questions from the Baptist preachers and laymen.

Asked why he would support a peace candidate, Geren contended it has been demonstrated that America couldn't win the values the country desired through the use of force.

Geren, who described himself as a practical pacifist, said his peace position didn't threaten the commitment the United States had made to Southeast Asia. He explained this way:

"We have done our best to keep it (the commitment). It's not a commitment to fight and fight forever. It's a commitment toward a security for Southern Vietnam."

Sen. Cooper said he favored a cessation of the bombing in North Vietnam in an effort to bring about negotiations and a settlement of the conflict.

Acknowledging he had no clear cut answer to the war, he said he still felt the halt in bombing was less of a risk than more escalation. He hinted Congress would take a long look at future Administration requests for money and men before granting them if the only reason was to escalate the war.

Pointing to accusations of imperialism against this nation, Sen. Cooper also spoke out for a United States policy that recognizes that America cannot prescribe the shape of governments in newly independent countries it's helped.

Rep. Wright said he's still convinced that what compelled the United States to become involved in Vietnam is worthy.

"I agreed with Robert Kennedy when he said in Saigon in 1962 that we are going to win in Vietnam and we will stay in Vietnam until we do," Wright said.

In an unapologetic tone Wright said the United States went to Vietnam to demonstrate to the world aggression cannot be tolerated and to defend the rights of South Vietnamese to determine the type of government they desire to have.

Wright labelled as misleading the advice of some Americans to get out of Vietnam at any price or to blow North Vietnam off the map with the big bomb.

"Aggression tolerated is aggression encouraged," Wright said. He hinted the use of atomic bombs in North Vietnam could result in a similar attack on the United States.

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Southern Baptists And Social Action

No issue is arousing more interest or creating more discussion among Southern Baptists right now than "Social Action." This field of Christian concern long has been of major interest in some denominations, but for Southern Baptists it has not, to say the least, been the center of their interest or program.

Now, however, it has come to the forefront, and consideration of it cannot be avoided, even though some Southern Baptists feel that the denomination should stay out of this field. Many other Southern Baptists feel that our convention and churches must become involved in social concerns if they are to remain relevant to the needs and problems of the present-day world.

That social problems cannot be avoided by Christians of today is very evident. These problems are all about us, and affect every life. War, population explosion, poverty, moral revolution, racial conflict, family disintegration, communism, and other such issues are prevalent everywhere, especially in our nation.

These problems confront us in the newspapers, magazines, books, on the television and radio, and in the theatre. They affect our homes and those about us, our social relationships, our schools, our businesses, and even our churches. They touch the lives of all people, young and old, and all circumstances of life.

The churches cannot avoid these problems, nor should they. It is not the commission of the churches to change the world system, except as it changes men in that world. Churches, however, cannot ignore that world system, nor the effect that it has on the people of the churches or those to whom witness is being given. Neither can the churches ignore those forces creating the world problems being faced.

The problem is what the churches can do and should be doing about the world's social problems. Churches have been working in the social area since the days of Christ, and the influence of the church often has changed conditions and thus has changed history.

Never, however, has the world had greater social problems than in this century, despite our vaunted advance and knowledge. And never has there been a stronger need for all men and institutions to share in finding solution to those problems.

Some church groups and denominations have made the solution of social problems their major emphasis. Some appear even to have abandoned missionary and evangelistic concern, while seeking to mobilize all their people and resources to join with the government and other agencies in meeting social need.

It is in such a crisis time that Southern Baptists find themselves being urged to become more involved in areas of social concern. Speakers at conventions and conferences, and preachers in some pulpits are calling for action. Periodicals and books carrying this call are appearing in ever increasing number. Southern Bapt-

tist organizations such as the WMU and Brotherhood have adopted new programs providing for ministry to people and involvement in social action. The Home Mission Board is confronted with the social problems as it seeks evangelization of the great cities, and the growing suburbia, and is setting its programs in the light of those problems.

These SBC agencies and organizations assure us that they are in no wise abandoning the old concern for evangelism and missions, but simply are now setting their programs to more adequately minister to human need and solve human problems, as well as win men to Christ.

Serious problems are involved when the churches, or denominations become active in dealing with social problems. One is that most of the problems simply are too enormous for the churches to solve, and they must join with other agencies such as the government in dealing with them. Examples of this are poverty or crime. Only the government can provide the financial resources or authority to cope with these. When the churches become involved with the government in dealing with them, as they now are being invited and urged to do, church-state problems immediately are confronted. Principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state cannot be abandoned simply in order to meet human need, so the churches face a dilemma.

Another problem which cannot be overlooked is that all too often social action is associated with liberalism in theology, or even rejection of Christ and the Church altogether. Some of the most active social planners and activists of our day are atheistic or at least very liberal in their beliefs. How far can Southern Baptists go with them, without weakening their witness?

These are not insignificant problems lightly to be passed by, and Southern Baptists are looking at them soberly. They recognize that the presence of problems, gives no justification for doing nothing. Southern Baptists feel a compulsion to act in the light of these world problems. What can they do? How far can they go?

It is the purpose of the articles in this issue of the Record and the response which we hope will be forthcoming from our readers, to throw light on this issue now facing us. We do not expect to see this problem solved by this series, but we do hope that the discussion will bring understanding and enlightenment concerning it.

Two Baptist Laymen

Two Baptist laymen died in Mississippi last week, both of whom had played an important, though altogether different, part in Mississippi Baptist life during the past few years.

One of them was Mr. R. B. Thomas of Hattiesburg, Baptist philanthropist, who had given hundreds of thousands of dollars to Mississippi Baptist institutions and work, while at the same time serving as a faithful deacon and supporter of his church, Main Street Church in Hattiesburg.

The other was Mr. Duke Thornton, owner with other members of his family, of Thornton Publishers, Inc., the firm which has printed the Baptist Record for the past ten years. Mr. Thornton also was a faithful mem-

ber and sometime deacon in the churches where he had held membership, with his membership at the time of his death being in Broadmoor Church, Jackson.

Neither of these men sought the limelight, but each in his own quiet way, made great contributions to Mississippi Baptist life.

We understand that early in his life, Mr. Thomas wanted to be a missionary. When he was not able to do this, he turned to business, where he made money to give in order that others might serve on the mission fields. He placed in the Mississippi Baptist Foundation in Jackson large gifts of money, the income from which will keep missionaries in fields of service until the end of time. He also helped educate many young men and women preparing for Christian vocation or Christian service.

Mr. Thomas also served on the Board of Trustees of William Carey College and made large gifts to that institution. The new Fine Arts building on the campus is named for him. He also had served on the Board of Development of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Thornton had been in the printing and newspaper field for most of his life. For many years he worked for the Clarion-Ledger in Jackson. Later he edited and published his own newspaper in Philadelphia, Miss. About ten years ago he returned to Jackson and organized the printing firm which bears his name.

Mr. Thornton was a "working printer", and directed the typesetting, the make-up, and the actual press runs. During the period when his firm was printing the Baptist Record, up until his retirement about one year ago, he gave personal supervision to the production of almost every issue of the paper. He was deeply concerned that every issue of the Record should be the finest possible by the standards of modern printer's art. Several years ago he led his firm in greatly expanding its plant and the purchase of a giant new offset press, in order to offer better printing services to his customers.

Thornton Publishers was printing the Baptist Record when your present editor came to direct the affairs of the paper. For more than seven years we worked with Mr. Thornton week by week in planning, producing and mailing the paper. He offered many helpful suggestions, and always was ready to cooperate with the editor and staff. All of us at the Baptist Record are deeply grateful for what this fine Baptist layman meant to us, and to Mississippi Baptists, as he dedicated his knowledge, skill, and experience in the field of printing, in helping us produce the Mississippi Baptist journal.

Mr. Thomas also was a close friend of the editor, and often we talked about the work of the convention and its institutions and agencies, and about the many young people in whom he had such a vital interest. Only a few days before his death he visited us in the new Baptist Building.

These two men represent the thousands of fine Baptist laymen in the state, who do so much for Baptist work and witness, yet seek for themselves no laurels or honors. Quietly they use the talents which God has given them, do their job well, and strengthen God's work by their lives. How we thank God for all of them. May their tribe increase.



Education Commission, SBC

The Fifth Freedom
On January 6, 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt set forth to Congress and the people "four essential human freedoms" for which America stands.

In the years since then, those four freedoms — Freedom of Speech, Freedom of Worship, Freedom from Want, and Freedom from Fear—have stood as a summary of our aspirations for the American republic and for the world.

And Americans have always stood ready to pay the cost in energy and treasury which are needed to make those great goals a reality.

Today — wealthier, more powerful and more able than ever before in our history—our nation can declare another essential human freedom.

The fifth freedom is freedom from ignorance.

It means that every man, everywhere, should be free to develop his talents to their full potential—unhampered by arbitrary barriers of race or birth or income.

We have already begun the work of guaranteeing that fifth freedom.

The job, of course, will never be finished. For a nation, as for an individual, education is a perpetually unfinished journey, a continuing process of discovery.

But the work we started when this nation began, which has flourished for nearly two centuries, and which gained new momentum in the past two Congresses—is ours to continue — yours and mine.

—President Johnson, in his annual Education Message to Congress

German Pastors Americans

The English-language Baptist church in Bitburg, Germany, which serves overseas Americans, has called an English-speaking German, Traugott Vogel, as pastor. The only Baptist church in an area from Koblenz to Trier (about 70 miles), the congregation plans to begin a bilingual ministry, according to the European Baptist Press Service.

As a youth employed by U. S. occupational authorities following World War II, Mr. Vogel was led to faith in Christ after an American sergeant invited him to Youth for Christ rallies.

Calendar of Prayer

(This list is not compiled according to birthdays.)

April 2—W. L. Compere, president, Clarke College; Earl Sandifer, Pike associational Sunday school supt.

April 9—Miss Kathryn Bearden, director, religious activity, Gilroy School of Nursing; Marvin E. Collum, Jr., trustee, Baptist Hospital.

April 10—Mrs. Ben Scarborough, WMU president, District VIII; Gerald Claxton, Miss. College faculty.

April 11—A. D. Whitehead, Franklin associational Training Union director; Guy McDady, George associational Training Union director.

April 12—Mrs. Sandra Brannon, Baptist Building; Mrs. Mary Lib Clayburn, Baptist Building.

April 13—J. W. Brister, Gulf Coast associational supt. of Missions; Fred Tarpley, Hinds associational supt. of missions.

April 14—E. L. Hammond, Blue Mountain faculty; Benjamin Dunford, Jr., Wm. Carey faculty.

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SET FREE

By Dr. W. Morris Ford

January 1, 1863 was the date of the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation by President Lincoln. He had hoped for a complete victory over the Confederacy before issuing such a proclamation, but the Peninsular campaign was discouragingly slow. Political pressure not only caused him to sign it before he wanted to, but its partial application left him very unhappy. Slavery was to cease in the South, in the conquered states, not in the North. The states designated were Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana (except 13 "parishes"), Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia. Already Lee was seriously thinking of freeing the slaves to fight in Confederate armies.

It is evident from this fragment of history that it takes more than a piece of paper to set men free! Slavery is almost as old as human history. Color really had little or nothing to do with it. It was always the strong overpowering the weak. To the nation in control all subjects were slaves!

The story is told of the capture of a runaway slave in Vermont. He had fled from New York. The man was taken before the Court at Middlebury by his owner who asked that he be given possession of his property. Judge Harrington listened attentively to the proofs of ownership, but said that he was not convinced that the title was perfect. When the council asked what more was required the judge answered, "Until you bring me a bill of sale from God Almighty you cannot have this man."

In the Christian religion we have a great paradox. It is that one never has true freedom until he becomes a bond slave of Jesus Christ. It was he who said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be 'free indeed' (John 8:36). The Apostle Paul wrote to the Roman Christians, "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For ye



Convention Press Releases

Two New Study Course Books

NASHVILLE — "Called to Minister" and "In Christian Love" are two new church study course books released by Convention Press, here.

"Called to Minister," by Albert L. Meiburg, is designed for use by young people and adults. It defines ministry, and needs, purposes, and techniques of various types of ministries. Meiburg seeks to impress upon all Christians their common-call to ministry "shared by all Christians by virtue of the ordination of their baptism."

A. Donald Bell, former Mississippian, is the author of "In Christian Love," also designed for use by young people and adults. The book seeks to define Christian love with its ministries and responsibilities. It serves as a guide to Christians for recognizing and developing their potential in the area of putting such love into action.

Long before the Emancipation Proclamation of 1863 there was the Emancipation Act of 1834 in England. Seven hundred thousand colonial slaves were set free. The time was set for August 1st. On the night of July 31st the churches and chapels were full of slaves on their knees awaiting the midnight hour. At the stroke they leaped to their feet and sang as bells rang throughout the island.

But greater far is the freedom to the soul who believes in Christ, and as much greater is the joy!

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Newest In Books

THOUGHTS AT NINETY (On How to Live a Useful, Happy, Successful Life) by Willard F. Bond. (Privately printed in Jackson Miss., 32 pp., paperback, \$1.00).

Professor Bond was Mississippi's state superintendent of education from 1916 to 1936 and state commissioner of public welfare from 1936 to 1952. He is a member of First Baptist Church, Jackson. Now, at the age of 93, he has looked back on some of his varied experiences, and in this attractive little book has compiled his Philosophy of Life. Honorable Robert Gillespie, Justice, Mississippi State Supreme Court, in the introduction, says, "The author has more friends, fewer enemies, has enjoyed the greatest number of active years, befriended more people, caught more fish, killed more game, told more yarns, and enjoyed it the most of any person I know."

The brief essays reveal the set of values that govern Bond's everyday relationships with people. For instance, in the first essay, he says, "My every contact with a fellow human being should make him a little happier and stronger to meet life's opportunities and responsibilities. I am my brother's keeper."

Under "My Greatest Enemy" he writes, "For many years I have believed that selfishness and greed are the greatest of all sins." Under "Speak to People" he advocates greeting pleasantly every person you meet, whether or not a stranger. Under "How to be Happy," he tells about teaching once in a little log-cabin school, where he suddenly realized he was not happy. Since it was his duty to teach the school and he had to have the money to go to high school in the fall, he worked out a plan to make himself enjoy the work! He goes on, "In general, whatever it is our duty to do, we should learn to enjoy it, whether it be shaving, taking a bath, plowing in the field, writing a letter, or doing anything else in a day's work. This is one of the ways to enjoy living all the time."

Each essay is a little jewel in itself, particularly the last one, entitled "Sundown." Professor Bond gives a beautiful description of the close of day, and then mentions what he likes for his last thoughts each day to be about: "the people I have seen and dealt with during the day, and to take stock of whether or not I did anyone a kindness, or wronged anyone for which I should ask forgiveness. And about how I can help make tomorrow a better day, in every way, than was today."

The proceeds of this book (not just the profit—but all the proceeds) are to be given to the W. F. Bond Home for Old People, in Madison, Miss., which was named for Professor Bond.

The book may be ordered directly from the author, Mr. W. F. Bond, 825 Gillespie St., Jackson, Miss.

WHO SAYS? edited by Fritz Ridenour (Gospel Light Publications, paperback, 60 cents, 186 pp.). This book is designed to deal with the typical questions about the Bible, Christ, and the Christian faith. There is no attempt to "prove" the Bible is true, but this book seeks to examine the evidence—and the reader may take a look at the evidence for himself. Deals with such questions as: How can you know there is a God? What's so special about the Bible? Is fulfilled prophecy just a coincidence? Are these myths in the Bible? Is evolution a threat or a theory? How did man get here and why? This will be a valuable book to put in hands of young people facing many of today's doubts, and also for careful study by their leaders.

THE JUNIOR by Marjorie Elaine Soderholm (Baker, paperback, 95 pp., \$1.50). This manual is designed to help the teacher of the active and often unpredictable junior, in Sunday school.

MARRIAGE IS FOR LIVING (Zondervan, paperback, 157 pp., \$1.95). Here are case histories, in a series of articles by various authors, interestingly and simply presented, which will help Christian couples work out their own marital problems.

LEARNING TO LEAD by Gaines S. Dobbins (Broadman, paperback, 127 pp., \$1.95). This is a book of principles more than of methods. It assumes that in every church there are plenty of prospective leaders to insure a successful church program, provided they can be "discovered, enlisted, motivated, developed, and guided."

THE EPISTLE OF JAMES by Ralph Gwinn (Baker, 68 pp., paper, \$1.50). A volume in Shield Bible Study Outlines. General introductory materials plus brief commentary on each chapter. Practical, simple and helpful to the average student of the Bible.

THE WANDERER'S RETURN by Lucille Hunter (Zondervan, 144 pp., \$2.95). This romantic novel is the story of "a prodigal daughter." Dorcas went searching, only to discover in the end that all she wanted and needed was waiting for her "right on the old home place."

THE WORK OF THE CLERK by Zelotes Grenell and Agnes Goss (Judson Press, paperback, 63 pp., \$1.50). Thousands of church clerks have benefited over the years from the help afforded in Zelotes Grenell's classic guide, "The Church Clerk." Now his daughter, wife of a church clerk, presents a handsome and useful revised edition.

ON COURSE TO THE STARS (The Roger B. Chaffee Story) as told to C. Donald Chrysler by Don L. Chaffee and family (Kregel Publications, 155 pp., \$3.95). "Fire in the spacecraft!" With these words came the tragedy that "stunned the nation, singed the space program, and snuffed out the lives of three valiant Americans"—Edward White, Virgil Grissom, and Roger Chaffee. This book tells the story of Roger Chaffee, "one who was the epitome of all that has made

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Guidelines Offered For Baptist Social Action

By John H. Traylor, Jr.
Pastor, Calvary Church
Tupelo

The demand for Southern Baptists to become involved in social action is not new. In 1908, the Committee on Civic Righteousness challenged Southern Baptists in annual convention to a broad program of social action. In contrast with the historic emphasis of Southern Baptists on evangelism, their report stated that the primary purpose of the church is not soul-winning, but social improvement. The report called upon Southern Baptists to become "ag-

gressive builders of the new social order."

Moreover, Southern Baptists as a whole have never believed the remaking of society to be the responsibility of the church. The new call to social action is to some degree rooted in frustration. Certain ministers appear to have lost confidence in the peaching of the Word of God. They seem to want something more tangible to justify their existence. Whatever may be the important social issue of the moment, they want to get "where the action is" and do what needs to be doing.

Others would call us to so-

issues of our day, we do not have a total gospel. But the one distinctive task to which Christ called us is that of preaching repentance and remission of sins in his name unto all nations (Luke 24:47). We must not forsake prayer and the ministry of the Word to agitate for social reform.

What then is the wisest course of action for Southern Baptists? Doubtless, no one man knows. But here are five suggested guidelines.

First, let us take a realistic view of the world. D. L. Moody was correct in viewing the world as a doomed ship which we cannot save. Our major task must be to get as many men as possible off the sinking ship and into the life boats. However, we must not fail to be concerned about those conditions in this world that make it difficult or impossible for a man to respond favorably to the gospel and to become under God his best self.

Second, let us beware of spending our time and resources in endeavoring to remake society according to the Christian ideals. Such will be possible only at the Second Coming of Christ. At the present, Satan is the prince of this world. Even in regard to such a clear cut issue as temperance, we are doomed to fail. Between 1908 and 1913 Southern Baptists, working in close affiliation with the Anti-Saloon League and The Woman's Christian Temperance Union, fought liquor with a passion. Southern Baptists were determined to close every saloon. Yet all of that seemingly went for naught. Certainly, it did not accomplish the desired result.

Third, let us emphasize the establishment of New Testament churches in and from which the Word of God — not merely the Gospel — is taught and preached. Our emphasis must continue to be on individual conversion and personal morality. But we must include the total demands of Christ involved in loving God with all of our hearts and our neighbors as ourselves. That will make Southern Baptists as the leaven of social

cial action because of their sincere belief that it is the most effective and compelling evangelism. The leadership of the church in civil rights struggles, in poverty programs, and in similar efforts is said to be the best means of revealing God's redemptive love to the disinherited and the downtrodden.

A major question is: what will the social action issue do to Southern Baptists? On the one hand, we are told that if we fail to become involved in the social issues of our day, we will be ignored and passed by as irrelevant. On the other hand, we are warned that an emphasis on social action by Southern Baptists will result in our becoming like other great American evangelical denominations who are no longer a vital force in winning men to Christ.

There is an element of truth in both viewpoints. Unless we face up to the great

New "Baptist Problem" Series

On this page you find four articles on the first subject in the new "Great Issues Facing Southern Baptists and Mississippi Baptists" series.

We suggest that you read the introductory statement concerning the series on page one, if you have not already done so. We also suggest that you read the editorial introduction before reading the articles.

Then, if you would like to enter into discussion of the subject, write on it immediately and send to the editor. The discussion will continue through this month.

The next new subject in the series will appear in the first issue in May.

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In 1918, a moderate position was expressed by the Social Service Committee. Their report stressed the supreme importance of individual conversion and personal morality without which there can be no lasting social changes. But the report insisted that the church is responsible for the right solution to social problems such as war, alcohol, vice, disease, and poverty. The report called upon the church to provide for those afflicted by such social problems. But even more, the report called upon the church to remove such social problems by remaking society according to Christian ideals.

Over the years, Southern Baptists have resisted such calls to social action chiefly because of the fear that such involvement would detract from the basic mission of the church, personal evangelism.

Redeemed And Redemptive Humanity Seen As Goal

By W. Levon Moore
Pastor, First Church,
Pontotoc

There are three predominant concepts in Southern Baptist life regarding the relationship between the gospel and social action. First, there is the philosophy, primarily a reaction against the "social gospel" movement, which says the gospel is designed only for man's "soul"; and the only task of the church is to "save souls". Those who adhere to this view believe that the church or denomination which preaches the gospel will have no concern for those needs of man which cannot be classified as "spiritual".

Second, there is the philosophy, primarily a re-statement of the social gospel emphasis, which says the gospel has to do mainly with man's social well-being; and the task of the church is related chiefly to building a better social environment. Personal conversion becomes a secondary consideration, and may, be described, according to this view, as a by-product of an ideal society.

Third, there is the philosophy which sees the gospel as grounded in the atonement of Jesus Christ, as producing a miraculous conversion in the individual through the process of the new birth, and as affecting every facet of the believer's being. This view understands that when the "saved" person becomes "a new creation in Christ Jesus", he is redeemed as a total being. To be born again involves the saving of the soul, but it involves also "the renewing of the mind", and the presentation of the body as "a living sacrifice".

The vast majority of Southern Baptists accept, essentially, this third philosophy. Traditionally, our preaching, our publications, and our personal

expressions of belief have set forth the concept that redemption is for the whole man. The Biblical revelation of God in Christ "reconciling the world unto himself" is related to the serving of the total person.

The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth"; and our number one task is to "preach the gospel to every creature". But, the same commission which makes imperative the "making of disciples" also commands to "teach them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Christ's commandments which are to be observed (acted upon) by those who become disciples include healing the sick, feeding the hungry, visiting the prisoners, helping the poor, caring for the homeless, training the mind, and "rendering to Caesar the things that are Caesar's".

Southern Baptist individuals, churches, agencies, and institutions should place primary emphasis upon missions and evangelism, with the intent of leading as many as possible to a personal, saving faith in Jesus Christ. Every available and effective means should be used to teach and train those won, that Christian growth toward maturity may be encouraged. Redeemed and maturing Christians will, by the very nature of their salvation experience and life in Christ, become involved in helping create a better society. The Christian is not only a "new creature", but he is "created unto good works." In the process of "working out his own salvation", which has been received from God as a free gift, he has no alternative but to become involved in a ministry to the total man.

While holding tenaciously to the Biblical concept of Salvation by personal re-birth from above, Southern Baptists are

moving in the right direction by also emphasizing the Biblical concept of making practical applications of that experience. The term "Mission Action" is found frequently in Southern Baptist periodicals. It is imperative that we not confuse the term "Mission Action" with the term "Social Action" currently used in other media. Social Action may be purely political or humanitarian. Mission Action must always have as its objective the winning of people to Christ.

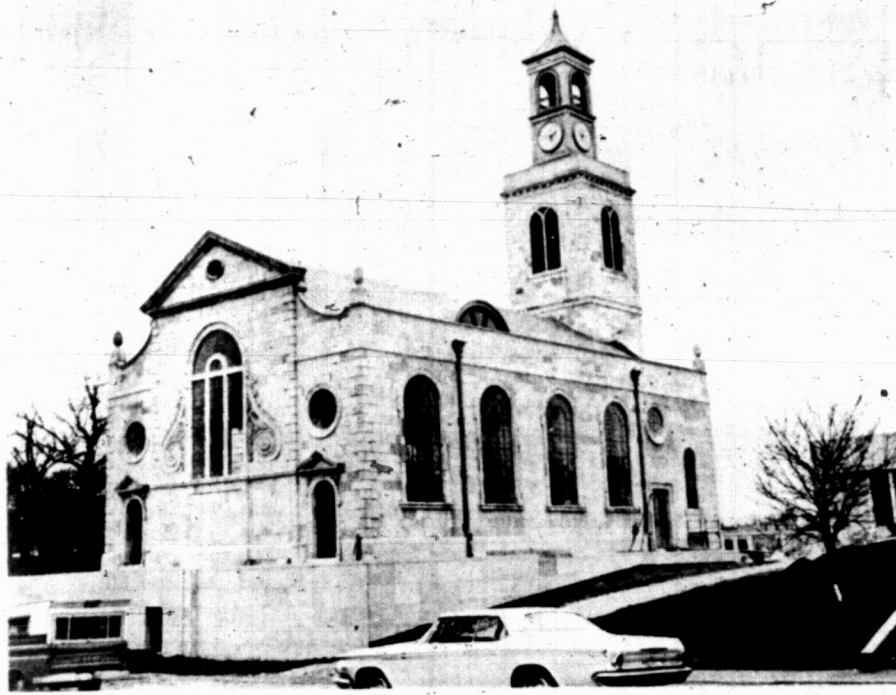
The task of Southern Baptists is not to major on the creation of a Great Society of well-fed, well-clothed, well-housed, well-educated PAGANS. Rather, our task is to work with our Lord in the creation of a redeemed humanity, which will in turn be a redemptive force of society. The progressive course being followed by Southern Baptists will be considered "too much" by some, and "too little" by others. But Southern Baptists are making every effort to prove that it is possible to be Biblically oriented, theologically sound, intellectually respectable, warmly evangelistic and personally involved. This is a big order; but to be anything less is to be a useless instrument in the hands of the Lord!

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thing that he wishes and take any position on the subject, and that his article will be published without editorial change.

Readers are invited to participate in the discussion of these issues. No limitation is placed upon what they write, other than that they discuss the subject, deal with issues and not personalities, and keep the articles as brief as possible.



Churchill Memorial Nearly Complete

FULTON, Mo.—Reconstruction of the Church of St. Mary Aldermanbury is almost completed on the campus of Westminster College in Fulton, Mo., as a memorial to Sir Winston Churchill. The 17th Century church was dismantled and shipped from London to the college campus and painstakingly put together again according to blueprints of its design by Sir Christopher Wren in 1677. On its new location, the non-denominational church will commemorate the college campus visit of the British Prime Minister on March 5, 1946, when he delivered his famous "Iron Curtain" speech. (RNS photo)

righteousness that leaveth the whole lump.

Fourth, let us minister individually, as churches, and as a denomination in the name and pattern of Christ who said: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19).

Fifth, let us thank God for whatever contribution other men, denominations, or agencies are making to the solution of our pressing social problems. No one man, church, or denomination has all of the Spirit of Christ. Even among Southern Baptist preachers we have those who magnify evangelism, others who stress social righteousness, and yet others who emphasize doctrinal purity. Doubtless, we need all three. Therefore, we must stay yielded to God and flexible as a denomination so that each man and each church is free to make its contribution to the cause of Christ in today's world.



DR. HAROLD LINDELL, professor of Bible at Wheaton College, Ill., has been named editor of Christianity Today, conservative fortnightly published in Washington, D. C. He succeeds Dr. Carl F. H. Henry who has edited the publication since it was founded 12 years ago. Dr. Lindsell, a founder with Dr. Henry of Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, Calif., is a former associate editor of Christianity Today. He will assume his new post on Sept. 1. (RNS Photo)

IN JAPAN Americans Start Seventh Church

An English-language Baptist church was organized March 10 in the Zama area near Tokyo, Japan. The congregation, composed mainly of U.S. military personnel stationed in the vicinity, is averaging more than 40 in attendance, and \$4,000 has been given toward the purchase of church property.

The new church developed from a mission started in 1965 by Kanto Plains Baptist Church, an English-speaking congregation pastored by Rev. Harry D. Griffin, Southern Baptist missionary.

The Zama church is the seventh English-language church related to Southern Baptist mission work in Japan.

Southern Baptists Now Face Christian Action Dilemma

By Bill Causey
Pastor
Parkway Church
Jackson

Any Christian who knows that one day he will stand before God in judgment is anxious that in all of his life attitudes he have the "mind of Christ." If he believes in the Word of God he will be equally anxious that he search for, find and follow, the leading of the Holy Spirit in every matter. To each conscientious Christian, it seems that every day there blooms out another variety of social problem that demands of him prayerful investigation and Christian reaction. The search for an easy mechanical formula to follow ends in futility. Research in secular history or a search through the attitudes of the church in former days offers little wisdom, if any, to the inquirer.

Also, there has emerged a theology which portrays a gospel of social reform and much talk about the "redemption of the social structure." This is contrasted with the old way of winning individual souls. And to further increase the tension of the sincere Christian is the fact that there are many voices

claiming to have the only Christian answer; yet, they differ from each other. These tensions are further amplified by a new mood of self-criticism. Thus, we witness conscientious people separating themselves into two camps. There are so many voices shouting at us out of all this gathering storm that a perceptive and sensitive person is reluctant to add his own voice for two reasons. One is the fear that what he says will be misunderstood and the other is that it will alienate him from persons of different views but who are equally sincere.

The effect of this on our Southern Baptist life has been obvious in such giant meetings as our Southern Baptist Convention and other smaller conferences. There are those who feel that we have been lax in the area of social action. Others feel that to involve our energies in social action will deter us from our central purpose of declaring the good news of God in Christ Jesus.

Thus, there are strong temptations on both sides of the question. It is popular today to try to be "intellectual" and "relevant" and be involved in "dialogue" on the one hand,

On the other hand, one is tempted to be "comfortable" in the time-honored views held by his denomination. There is clearly not one camp into which every person falls, nor is there some perfect solution that can be easily announced to resolve the problem once and for all.

Most of us will continue to live in the tensions between the two — prayerfully seeking the leading of God in each new crisis—meanwhile, preaching the Bible as we can best understand it and leading individual men to personal faith in Christ as Saviour.

Recife Seminary Enrolls 173

The North Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, in Recife, began the 1968 school year March 4 with a record enrollment of 173, including 40 new students. They represent 18 Brazilian states and Japan. Most are studying theology, though some are concentrating on religious education or sacred music. An additional 400 persons study by correspondence.

Social Action Urged As Answer For Baptists

By Norman E. O'Neal
Professor Religious Education
Mississippi College

An unsaved person was heard to say to a friend, "I wish these Baptist church members were as interested in me as they are in my soul." Baptists generally have held strongly to the idea that the primary task of the church is to win souls, and that meeting the economic or social needs of man is incidental to this primary task. Some have had strong convictions about the need for meeting man's human needs with very little emphasis on the spiritual. Both of these positions overlook the fact that man is one whole being.

Daniel B. McGee, in an article in the April 1968 issue of Church Administration, gives a good statement of this truth when he says, "We cannot minister to one part without touching the entire person. When you provide a nutritious meal for a hungry man, you do more than fill an empty stomach. The results of this act go far beyond physical consequences. The hungry man's ideas, attitude, and spirit are altered, as well as his physical condition. His entire person responds."

An earlier generation fought the battle of the Social Gospel versus the Individual Gospel. One group holding that the individual was saved by saving society, the other group holding that society could be saved only by redeeming the individual. Most Baptists hold

to the latter view. Social action ought not to be confused with the Social Gospel. Social action is an outgrowth of a new life within the individual. It is a factor in bringing the unsaved to know and accept the love of God for him. Social action is a manifestation of the love of Christ in a child of God for the person in need.

Social action is biblical. The disciples of John came to Jesus and asked, "Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another?" In his answer Jesus said, "The blind see, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, to the poor the gospel is preached." (Luke 7:22) These words very strongly suggest that Jesus had a primary concern for meeting human needs. Today we would call it social action.

In his parable of the separation of the sheep from the goats Jesus said, "Then shall the King say . . . For I was an hungry, and ye gave me meat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me." (Matt. 25:34-36) Again this is ministry to human needs. This is social action.

The writer of Acts says of Jesus, "He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38, New English Bible). By precept and example Jesus taught love and concern to the

point of action for those in need. A recent survey by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board reveals that most of our churches have thus far given very little attention to any sort of ministry to the handicapped. However, Southern Baptists are awakening to the needs, opportunities and responsibilities of the people in need in their midst.

There are many evidences that they are now accepting responsibility and using opportunities in Social Action. The W.M.U. and Brotherhood organizations have made Christian Action groups a vital part of their ministry, such as our mission journals, the Baptist Men's Journal, Church Administration, and others, are publishing some excellent articles and giving good leadership to this emphasis. An increasing number of churches are starting weekday ministries.

In a day when it is becoming increasingly difficult to get unsaved people to come to revivals in the churches, the churches must demonstrate an interest in and love for people, by seeking to help meet their physical and material needs. This should be done as a means of winning them to Christ. It should also be done because it is basically Christian to want to help those in need.

If this growing interest in people can permeate the entire denomination, its greatest hour is just ahead.

Clem Hardy Dies

Rev. Clemmie D. Hardy, 63, emeritus Southern Baptist missionary to Equatorial Brazil, died in Waco, Tex., Saturday evening, March 23, of a heart attack.

Funeral services were to be held in Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Tuesday afternoon, March 26.

Heart trouble ended Mr. Hardy's strenuous Brazilian ministry 15 years ago. He had made his home in Waco since then. (He and Mrs. Hardy took a medical retirement in 1961.)

A native of New Waverly, in East Texas, he was a college student when he heard of the work of Erik A. Nelson, pioneer Southern Baptist missionary along the Amazon River, and felt led to go help him. Thirteen years later he was appointed by the Foreign Mission Board to be Nelson's successor. (Nelson left Brazil in 1936, the year the Hardys arrived.)

He conserved Nelson's work, bridged the gap between Nelson's retirement and the arrival of additional missionaries, and spearheaded evangelistic advance.

Theme Set, Plans Made, For 1970 Asia Crusade

The 1970 Asia Baptist Evangelistic Crusade will be waged under the theme, "New Life In Jesus Christ."

The theme and many plans were adopted during a recent conference held in Hong Kong. Participants included national Baptist leaders, missionaries, and Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board staff. War-torn Vietnam and threatened Korea were among the 13 nations represented.

Dr. Winston Crawley, Foreign Mission Board secretary for the Orient, told delegates that "responsiveness to the gospel in some Asian countries has been phenomenal." He challenged Baptists to expand their "beachheads" and reach out into entire countries.

Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, the Board's consultant in evangelism and church development, and Dr. Claude H. Rhea, Jr., consultant in church music and mass communications, made sugges-

tions based on experiences in evangelistic campaigns in Africa, Europe, and Latin America.

Mrs. Napier Dies

Mrs. A. Y. Napier, 79, emeritus missionary to China, died of a heart attack February 6 in Staunton, Va., hospital.

She was buried February 12 in Bedford, Va. Her sons, Pastor N. C. Napier of Thaxton Baptist Church, Bedford, and B. Davie Napier, conducted the funeral.

The former Lois Davie, of Clayton, Ala., Mrs. Napier went to China as a teenage bride. Appointed by the Foreign Mission Board in October, 1905, she sailed for the Orient the following March and celebrated her 18th birthday at sea. She was engaged to Dr. Napier, who had been in China a year. He met her in Japan, where they were married.

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Robinson Street, Jackson, Breaks Ground For New Auditorium

At groundbreaking ceremonies for Robinson Street Church's new \$250,000 auditorium March 24, members of the congregation gathered around to watch the turning of dirt. In front are, from left: Rev. John G. McDonald, pastor; Tommy Haralson, educational director; Harold Brumfield, architect; Shelton Weathersby, Sunday school superintendent; Mrs. L. E. Eichelberger, Woman's Missionary Union presi-

dent; John Arinder, Training Union director; Dee Concerly, representing the youth; Mrs. J. E. Grantham, senior member of the congregation; James White, chairman of deacons; Frank Evans III, youngest member of the congregation; L. V. Walls, Baptist men's president; and Roy Lundquist, chairman of the Planning and Survey Committee. The unusual fan-shaped auditorium will be carpeted wall-to-wall, with exposed brick and wood paneling on the interior walls.

Lowrey Mem. Adopts Resolution Of Appreciation For Coopers

Lowrey Memorial Church, Blue Mountain, Rev. Bill Peacock, pastor, has adopted the following resolution, in appreciation of Dr. and Mrs. William Lowrey Cooper, missionaries to Argentina from Mississippi.

"WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. W. L. Cooper while on furlough from the mission field in Argentina came to Blue Mountain as visiting professor and during this time served as loyal members of Lowrey Memorial Church, and

"WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Cooper through their Christian spirit gave unreservedly of their time and energy to promote the cause of missions

and through their faithfulness, humility, and untiring efforts rendered significant contributions to Blue Mountain and to the churches in this area, and

"WHEREAS, Mrs. Cooper through her presence and participation in all activities strengthened and extended this ministry;

"THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Lowrey Memorial Church wish to express to Dr. and Mrs. Cooper deep appreciation for their services to us and to the cause of Christ here in Blue Mountain."



GUNTOWN CHURCH dedicated a new building (top photo) on March 31. The Building and Finance Committee are shown in the bottom photo, with Rev. Danny Holland, pastor.

Guntown Dedicates New Building

Members of Guntown Church at Guntown are worshipping in a new building which was dedicated March 31, at 1:30 p.m., with all former pastors taking part on program.

The church was organized

in 1855; the new building was erected in 1967, the structure and furniture costing \$45,500. Guntown has a total membership of 235.

Building Committee members included T. B. Pickens, R. E. Sides, Julius Farley, Paul Hall, Rob Ford, Edd Bristow, James Bristow, and James Rogers. Rev. Danny Holland is the pastor.

Names In The News

Miss Dana Stampley, missionary, returned to Accra, Ghana, on March 20, after medical leave in the States. (Her address is Box 400, Accra, Ghana, West Africa.) A native of Benton, Miss., she was elementary director for First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., prior to missionary appointment in 1961.

Rev. Joel Eavenson, native Simpson County and graduate of Co-Lin Junior College, is the new pastor of Emmanuel Church, Simpson County.

Rev. Paul Roberts has accepted a call as pastor of Jupiter Church, Simpson County, and began his ministry there March 17.

Rev. Wardell Kennedy, formerly pastor at Goshen, has accepted the pastorate of Dry Creek Church, Simpson County. He and his family are occupying the new parsonage there.

Good judgment comes from experience. Experience comes from bad judgment.

ORAL ROBERTS TO BECOME A METHODIST MINISTER

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (RNS) — Methodist Bishop W. Angie Smith of Oklahoma City announced here that famed evangelist Oral Roberts will be received into the ministry of The Methodist Church at the 1968 session of the Oklahoma Annual Conference.

The widely known faith-healer and president of Oral Roberts University of Tulsa has been affiliated with the Pentecostal Holiness Church.

A spokesman for the Oral Roberts Evangelistic Association in Tulsa indicated that the change of denominations will not affect the many activities in which the evangelist is now engaged. He is expected to be appointed by Bishop Smith as president of the university which bears his name.

It was also indicated that Dr. Roberts is currently engaged in completing the special studies which are required by The Methodist Church when a minister transfers from another denomination.

After completion of the studies, he will be recommended by the conference's Board of Ministerial Training and Qualification and be officially recognized as a Methodist minister.

Mississippi Businessmen Conduct Tucson Revival

By Bill Parker

From The Baptist Beacon
Four Mississippi businessmen went to Arizona at their own expense and conducted the recent revival at Mid-City Baptist Church in Tucson.

M. D. Reagan, U. T. Roberts, James Barnette, and James Thomas, all of First Church, Carthage, Miss., visited other businessmen during the day and preached and testified at night.

Don Shumake, pastor of the host church, said, "These men have breakfast at 7 a. m. and then start out visiting. Man, I can't keep up with them." Reagan, veteran member of the team from having gone on similar crusades for the past several years, preached in his first Arizona campaign in Tucson in 1962. The years since found him accompanying like groups that went as far afield as Hawaii, Montana and Spain.

The Spain trip encouraged him and his wife to hop over to the Holy Land. It was the slides taken on this jaunt that highlighted the Saturday evening service in this meeting. He has an unusual way of bringing out interesting facts about the lives and customs of the peoples and countries he visits as he makes his Lord known.

Seven professions of faith and 27 other decisions were made public during the five-day crusade.

Roberts, Barnette and

James also spoke at the Friendship Center (a mission of Mid-City church and part of the state missions program), Manor and Richland Heights Baptist churches.

Reagan was in the poultry business when he decided to become semiretired over three years ago. He had only been "retired" a short time when he and a friend formed a new company known as Modern Dixie Life Insurance of Mississippi.

Roberts, who is retired from farming, ginning, and cattle raising, was on his first "crusade" and his first trip to Arizona. He is a Christian and deacon of many years in the same church.

Barnette, who is with the post office, works with intermediates in Sunday School and Training Union; he also sings in the choir. His "hobby" is chicken ranching. His first trip to Arizona was enlightening.

Thomas, successful in the grocery and furniture industries, has been part of the Reagan group before. He is a Gideon and is much in demand as a speaker in Mississippi. He also is a dedicated deacon who had his first glimpse of Arizona.

They made a quick trip to the top of Mt. Lemmon, where they saw plenty of snow, and took a quick run down to the Papago Indian reservation at Sells, Arizona where the temperature soared to a high 75.



Meadowview Church To Build Sanctuary

REV. DOUGLAS DEXTER is shown as he officially breaks ground for the new 750-seat sanctuary to be built for Meadowview Church, Starkville. The groundbreaking was held on the fourth anniversary of Mr. Dexter's becoming pastor of the church. Mr. Dexter spoke at the ceremony on "The Solid Foundation." Left to right, above: George Mason, architect, Ed Buckner, Sr., Stuart Hedin, Fred Murphy, Marvin Turnipseed, Woody Metts, Omer Wiygul, Hubert Stephens, John Paul Moore, Leroy Lang, Elwood Hodges, Don Fitzgerald, and Rebecca Hedin and Chuck Cox.

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The Roman soldiers carried out their cruel assignment. What they did was a fulfillment of prophecy; and it was also the fulfillment of God's plan of the ages to give his Son for the redemption of the world. The Roman soldiers were not the only crucifiers of Jesus. The priests and scribes were the chief instigators, and Pilate had his share of guilt. But we all are responsible for the crucifixion of Jesus: he was made sin in our behalf. He died for the sins of all men.

LOYALTY MANIFESTED

The fact that Mary, the mother of Jesus, and other women followed Jesus to the cross and stood by during his awful shame and agony showed compassion and courage and loyalty at their best. Mary, above all, was sharing in Jesus' suffering. Indeed, as Simon had foretold, a sword was piercing Mary's soul! She was faithful to the end. With infinite compassion Jesus looked down from the cross to commend his mother to John to care for her as his mother. No scene in the Bible excels this in tenderness, in filial devotion, or in the fidelity displayed.

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

The outcry of Jesus on the cross, "I thirst," impresses on us the reality of his suffering. This was the terrible thirst of a fevered body racked by the severest pain. Even more, it symbolizes a severer thirst, that which rises from the emptiness and barrenness and loneliness and despair of all men in the desert and torment of sin. Christ was experiencing that combined thirst of humanity. No word could better describe the misery of sin and the agony of spiritual desolation and the despair of persons in rebellion against God.

The climax of Jesus' self-giving is his triumphant declaration, "It is finished." His life was not being taken from him; he was giving it as a sacrifice for mankind. He had not been overcome by his enemies. He was not dying simply as a martyr to try to inspire heroism in his followers. He was dying voluntarily, knowing perfectly that through his death there would be accomplished a deathblow to the power of Satan and a finished redemption for lost mankind. Therefore, the cross was triumphant victory. It was the victory of incarnate love making possible eternal redemption.

By Bill Duncan

As we begin a new quarter of study in our Sunday Schools, the first unit is upon the theme, "The Bible, Textbook for Christians." The over all idea of these series of lessons is that the New Testament church is a fellowship of learning. The church is the book of teaching and learning in this fellowship. The early church is described by Acts as a fellowship where "they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine." The idea of doctrine is one of teaching with a positive influence. The church is more than just worship and evangelism, which are so important. There must be the influence of learning.

The Bible is an enduring word. It has endured much. The knives of criticism have tried to cut it asunder. The critics have tried to make it of no influence. In the beginnings of Christianity, the people tried to destroy it by burning it. But God has protected his word and it has endured. The reason it has endured is because it is God's message written for man and not man's message. The writers were used to write in their language and personality the truths of God for man in their day. God has used these letters, writings, sermons, etc., to apply to our day, because the truth of God is timeless. We do not have to defend the Bible, for it has been able to endure all kinds of trial. Many want to defend the Bible but God wants us to study it and live its teaching.

The Bible is interesting because it meets the spiritual needs of all men and satisfies their individual problems. **Prophetic Declaration** Isaiah 40:1-8
Isaiah saw the conditions of his people as being terrible. He saw that God had punished his people and their punishments were great. He was a prophet, and he could not but speak concerning their punishment. But the word of God was not passing away as they were. The word of God is contrasted with man. The word was the truth of God. The prophetic declaration did not altogether apply to his day, but he found comfort in its hope. He never saw the fulfillment, but he felt the assurance of its fulfillment. The word brought with it the ability to endure the conditions of captivity and punishment.

The Fulfillment of the Word

Matthew 5: 17-20
The Sermon on the Mount

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teaches that Jesus came to give the Old Testament its full meaning. In giving the law such rich significance, he was affirming its great enduring quality. Jesus said, "I am come to fulfill," meaning to bring to its fruition. But in verse 18, "fulfilled" means to come to pass—happen. This teaches that the teaching shall apply to every age with significance.

Does the Old Testament apply to us? Yes, it has become the minimum of what we are to do. Jesus said our moral lives are to be better than the Scribes and Pharisees who tried to keep every letter of the law. Grace demands not just the keeping of the law, but the going beyond the law to do what love compels.

Source of the Word

2 Peter 1: 19-21

Peter was an eye witness of the Christ and wrote to give a more sure word about Christ. His prophecy was God breathed and spoke to his day as the word of God. Peter reminded the readers of what had been his policy in writing the book. No one, even Peter, has a right to give his own private opinion. God used dedicated men to relate His messages. The Holy Spirit directed the writing of prophecy and he should direct the interpretation of it. We are not allowed to use the Bible like we would want to use it.

It is only when the Holy Spirit speaks to us through the enduring word that we can have the true meaning and it then becomes God's word. The Bible is a wonderful book because of its source and its message. It is needed in our day and time to be explained and preached from every pulpit, and taught to all men so that they may know of God's message to man.

1st, Greenwood Begins Mission For Chinese

First Church, Greenwood, in cooperation with the Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, and the Home Mission Board, SBC, began a Chinese mission in their church on Sunday, March 24.

Dr. Jachin Y. Chan, a member of the faculty of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, who also serves the Chinese Missions in Vicksburg and Clarksdale, will serve as pastor of the mission.

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CO-LIN BSU DIRECTOR RESIGNS POST

John W. Tadlock, Baptist Student Union director at Copiah-Lincoln Junior College for more than 3 1/2 years, has resigned. He will become Director of Baptist Student Union at Jackson State University, Jackson, Mississippi, effective June 1.

Tadlock is a native of Harrisville in Simpson County. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary. He and his wife, Lacey, are the parents of a 2 1/2 year old daughter, Anna Kristin. From 1959 to 1962 he was pastor of Rockport and Poplar Springs Churches near Hazlehurst and from 1962 to 1964 pastored Zion Hill Church near Wesson. Currently he serves on the State BSU Executive Council.

The program at Copiah-Lincoln has grown extensively under his leadership.



Rain Falls After Prayer Meeting
BAPTISTS, METHODISTS, members of the Salvation Army, and other Christians in the Sanyati, Rhodesia area held a prayer meeting recently, with special petition for rain to relieve a long and disastrous drought. Rain fell soon after the meeting. (Photo by H. Cornell Goerner)

Brotherhood Retreats

We are looking forward to May 3-4 and May 10-11 at which time we will be in our retreat program. The retreat for South Mississippi at Paul B. Johnson State Park, May 3-4, will begin with registration at 3:00 p.m. The program will be terminated with the noonday meal on May 4. We are delighted to announce that again this year Dr. Johnnie Briggman, pastor of Tylertown Baptist Church, Tylertown, will be the Bible teacher. We are also fortunate to have Dr. George Schroeder of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee, as one of our program features. Total cost for the retreat will be approximately \$3.50 per person. EACH MAN, PLANNING TO SPEND THE NIGHT BE SURE AND BRING ALL BED LINENS NEEDED INCLUDING PILLOWS.

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Meditations For Easter Week

By Russell M. McIntire, Pastor, First, Clinton

Believing next week to be a week when every Christian ought to be keenly aware of the festival we celebrate, let me suggest for your day by day meditation these thoughts.



Sunday: Recall his Day of Triumph. On this day he was hailed as King of Kings. To get the entire story read Matthew 21:1-11, Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:29-44 and John 12:12-19. Pray that he might truly be the King in your own life.

Monday: Mark's account tells of Jesus returning to Jerusalem from Bethany on this day. He cursed the fig tree. Why? Because it had lush leaves and no fruit. He was teaching that fruitlessness must inevitably be destroyed. Read Mark 11:12-21.

He also cleansed the temple, for it was being desecrated by dishonesty and hypocrisy. Matthew 21:14 tells us that he healed the lame and the blind in the temple, illustrating the true purpose of God's house. Pray that you might bear much fruit and so truly be his disciple.

Tuesday and Wednesday: Many things happened in these busy days. Read Matthew 21:33 - 26:16 or the account in Mark 11:27 - 14:11 or in Luke 20:1 - 22:6. Let me suggest you read from one gospel on Tuesday and another on Wednesday. Pray that you might be always ready for his return with "lamps all trimmed and burning bright."

Thursday: How great are the lessons of this day. Here Jesus and his disciples gather for the Passover observance. He washes their feet. Notice the little side incident where Simon Peter objects and tells Jesus he would not let him wash his feet, John 13:1-17. Then the traitor is revealed, the Last Supper instigated, the Holy Spirit is promised, and he prays for the disciples. Read Matthew 26:17-56, Mark 14:12 - 14:52, Luke 22:7-51 and John 13:1 - 18:13. Go with him and his disciples as they leave the Upper Room. The scripture says, "And they sang a hymn and went out." What were they singing? After the Passover the Jewish people sang the Hallel's Psalm 116, 117 and 118. Read them and remember Jesus is perhaps singing these words on the way to the cross. Notice particularly in Psalm 118, verses 6, 7, 17, 24 and 27-29. Pray for an understanding heart to know the greatness of the atonement.

Friday: The day speaks for itself. Trace the foot-steps of Jesus on this day. Stand with him at Gethsemane's gate. Follow him through the mockery and indignation of the trials. Share with him the agony of the lash—the burden of the cross. Feel the thorns as they pierce his brow and the nails as they crush through hands and feet. Read Matthew 26:57-27:66, Mark 14:53 - 15:47, Luke 22:54 - 23:53, John 18:13 - 19:42. Remember you were truly there! "By his stripes we are healed!" On your knees survey the old rugged cross. Pray and renew your vows before him.

Easter Sunday: I serve a risen Savior He's in the world today! Read Matthew 28:2-8, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 24:1-53, John 20:1 - 21:6. Sing with assurance and joy, "I know that my Redeemer liveth — and because he lives I too shall live."

551 BILLION CIGARETTES THIS YEAR.

According to the U. S. Agriculture Department, cigarette sales for 1967 will be 11 billion units higher than in 1966. (For perspective, it would take the 5.3 million inhabitants of Massachusetts—every man, woman, boy and girl—

over a year to smoke all these cigarettes, on a non-stop basis.) Meanwhile, the National Cancer Institute's statistical projections show lung cancer deaths more than doubling by the end of the century, from less than 50,000 this year, to more than 125,000 a year then.

ROUNDABOUT CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Frank Bishop, (pictured) formerly of Louisiana, became the new pastor of the Roundabout Church, Sunflower County, on March 1.

He is a graduate of Louisiana College and plans to graduate from New Orleans Seminary in 1968. Before Roundabout, he served as pastor of the Bogue Falaya Church.

Bishop is married to the former Martha Platt, also of Louisiana. They have two children, Cindy, six, and Marilyn Kay, three.



Clarke Team Brings Home The Cake

The Clarke College Youth Team shown above really did "bring home the cake." Dr. O. P. Moore, of Clarke, and pastor of the Ted Church, Smith County, says that a fellowship meal was served at the church after the worship program presented by the team. Mrs. Ann Yelverton had provided the cake, with the lettering "Clarke College Day" over the chocolate icing. The Clarke group thought they should show their appreciation by "bringing the cake back" to show to friends and leaders at the college. Dr. Moore praises highly the preaching of Bruce Knight (center) and the song leading of Ricky Ball, Young women (from left) participating were Martha Helmbold and Margie Lewis. Miss Mary Sullivan (right), associate in public relations, sponsors the youth teams.

Blue Mountain To Present 'Cyrano'

Cyrano De Bergerac, one of the last nineteenth century Romantic plays, will be presented at Blue Mountain College as part of the annual May Day week-end celebration.

Miss Ferial Forbus, who is directing the productions, said the performances have been set for May 2, 3, and 4 in Garrett Auditorium of the Blue Mountain Fine Arts building.

"Cyrano is set in seventeenth century France," the theater instructor said. Edmund Rostand, the author, wrote it for Cuchiline, one of the greatest French actors of the last century.

Van Winkle Pastor Baptizes 17 Persons In African Creek



REV. HERMAN A. MILNER, pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, stands with a group of Africans in front of the Aufugo Church, which is located in the bush near Kaduna, Africa. On the Sunday Mr. Milner visited this church he baptized 17 persons.

Rev. Herman A. Milner, pastor of Van Winkle Church, Jackson, recently was evangelist for a revival at the Sabon Rai Baptist Church in Kaduna, Nigeria, Africa. During the week's meeting, there were 118 professions of faith, all first time decisions.

While in Nigeria, Mr. Milner one Sunday visited the Aufugo Baptist Church in the bush village of Aufugo, 49 or 50 miles from Kaduna and five miles from any type of civilization. In this village of straw-roofed mud huts, no white man had ever been seen until three weeks prior to the time Milner visited. No motor vehicle had ever before been in the village, which is five miles from any road of any kind.

Missionary Payton Myers of Mississippi had been the first white man to enter the village, three weeks previously.

Milner traveled into the village in a Land Rover, across woods, fields, and streams.

The little church in Aufugo has never had a pastor. It was started by a Christian school teacher, an African who had been educated in a Southern Baptist mission school, and who had taught the people about Christ and His love for them. The group of converts had erected their own church building (shown above).

The service at Aufugo on

that Sunday started at 10:30 a. m. with Sunday school. Then Brother Milner preached, through an interpreter, and five accepted Christ. He questioned 17 persons who had been awaiting baptism, and who had been studying in a baptism class for three or four months. He and the congregation walked a mile to a creek, where he baptized the 17 people.

The group returned to the church, and observed the Lord's Supper there for the first time. By the time this service was over, it was 3:30 in the afternoon.

While Milner was preaching at the Sabon Rai Church in Kaduna, a man from that church walked nine miles to present him with a gift of three chickens.

While in Kaduna, Milner visited at the Baptist Pastors' School, where Betty and Dewey Merritt, missionaries from Mississippi, are stationed.

He reports that the married pastors who attend this school live in small, one-room houses. They sleep in the houses, but cook and eat outside. The mothers strap their babies to their backs and take them to classes with them.

The school has four chicken houses, each about 25 feet in diameter, made of mud, with grass roofs. Chickens and egg are both for sale and for consumption.

This chicken project was made possible by a group of laymen in Mississippi and other states. (A larger story on this project will be printed in a later edition of the Baptist Record.)

The Kawo village chief, who is a Moslem, gave Baptists a fifty-year lease on the twenty acres of land where the pastors' school is.

(While he was in Ogbomoso, Milner met the king of Ogbomoso, who is a member of First Baptist Church of that city. About 1900 were in attendance, on the date that he visited the church. Later he also visited the king's palace, and the king gave him an ostrich feather fan.)

One day when Betty Merritt and Brother Milner were returning from the marketplace, a boy followed them for about four blocks. Betty thought he just wanted to carry their packages, to earn some money.

However, when she asked him what he wanted, he told her that he had recognized them as Christians and that he wanted a Bible. They did not have one in his language.

A week later, in the same marketplace, among 5000 people, this same boy found Brother Milner, and begged, "Bible, Bible." But he had not a Bible or even a tract to give him in his language.

The Van Winkle pastor says, "I feel that this expresses the hunger of the Nigerians for the Word of God."

First Church, Sharon (Jones): April 7-14; Rev. Jimmy Gandy, full-time evangelist, preaching; Johnny Speedling, minister of music, McDowell Road Church, Jackson, directing the music; Rev. Ronnie Herrod, pastor.

Lilly Orchard Church (Jackson County): April 7-14; Rev. Billy Murphy, evangelist; R. V. Walker, music director; Jeanette Furby, pianist; Rev. R. V. Walker, Sr., interim pastor. (The church is buying a pastor's home.)

REVIVAL DATES



PLEASANT GROVE CHURCH (LINCOLN): DEACON - LED REVIVAL; April 8-12; services at 7:30 p. m.; Pictured above are the pastor, and the deacons who will be the speakers for the revival. Left to right: Rev. Richard Gordon, pastor; Horace Goldman; Fred Herring; Billy P. Smith; Charlie Posey; William Byrd; and Hezekiah Posey. (The church is 10 miles west of Brookhaven, on Highway 84 West. The pastor states, "We challenge other churches to try this unique type revival.")

Griffith Memorial, Jackson:

April 7 - 12; Rev. W. D. "Step" Martin, (pictured) pastor, First Church, Satsuma, Alabama; evangelist; James Moore, music director at Griffith Memorial, song leader; Dr. Kermit Canterbury, pastor; services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Emmanuel Church (Pearl River Association): April 7 through 14th; morning service 9 a. m.; evening service 7 p. m.; Rev. W. W. Goins, evangelist; Wendell Blanton, Roseland Park Church, music director; Rev. W. W. Goins, pastor.

Macon, Westside Church, (Nex-ubee County): April 7 - 12; Rev. Henry J. Bennett, (pictured) pastor at Byram, evangelist; Rev. Edward C. Farr, pastor.

First Church, Water Valley: April 17-April 21; youth revival; Rev. Joel E. Haire, pastor; Rev. Tom McKibbens, evangelist; Randy Posey, song leader.

Rehobeth Church (Rankin Co.): April 14-17; Rev. James Case, pastor, evangelist; services at regular time on Sunday, and at 7:00 p. m. Monday through Wednesday.

Oak Grove (Holmes): April 10-14, Wed. thru Sun.; night services only, at 7:30; Rev. Larry Kilgore of Clinton, evangelist; Rev. Tommy Bruce, pastor.

Lakeview, Leland: March 31 - April 5; services at 7:30 p. m.; Rev. Robert Jackson, pastor, evangelist; Tommy Howard, First, Leland, singer; Miss Betty Blanton, organist; Mrs. Jerry Childress, pianist.

Walnut Grove (Leake): April 5, 6, 7; youth revival; Rev. Jerry Clark, Mississippi College, evangelist; Steve Cloud, Mississippi College, song leader; Rev. Joe Hudson, pastor; services at 7:30 p. m.

South McComb: April 7-14; Rev. David Millican, pastor, evangelist; Rev. Arlis Nichols, minister of music and education at First, Brandon, singer.

Meadow Grove Church, Brandon: April 7-12; Rev. J. D. Nazary, evangelist; Rev. James Brannon, pastor, music director; Miss Grace Lovelace, pianist; services at 7 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Off The Record

CAN'T FORGE IT

Bank teller: "You forgot to dot an 'i' in your signature."

Customer: "Would you mind dotting it for me?"

Teller: "Sorry, but it has to be in the same handwriting."

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL

The big - voiced wife was really angry. She glared at her meek little hubby and belted, "Horace, that ten-dollar bill that was in your billfold last night — did you steal it out of my purse this morning?"

GRADING DRIVERS

Barnes and Noble, a New York textbook publishing company, has the back of its delivery trucks marked on the left, "Pass," and on the right, "Flunk."

NATURAL GAS

A pastor became engrossed in an exceptionally long sermon. One of the ladies in his congregation hastily scribbled a note to her husband, who was an usher. He thought his wife meant it for the preacher, and took it up to him.

The note said, "Please hurry home and shut off the gas."

REVIVAL RESULTS

Second, Indiana: 20 professions of faith; three additions by letter; two answering call to Christian vocation; Rev. Billy Crosby, pastor, Orchard Church, Mobile, Ala., evangelist; R. L. and Beth Sigrest, full-time music evangelists, singers; Rev. Billy Smith, pastor.

East Howard, Biloxi: March 22-24; youth revival; Mike Ridgely, William Carey College student, speaker; David Koon, William Carey Student, in charge of music; Rev. Oscar L. Russell, pastor; five professions of faith; ten rededications; two additions by letter. (Fellowship was held Saturday evening and Sunday night for the young people and guests.)

Wm. Carey BSU Holds Banquet, Elects Officers

The Baptist Student Union of William Carey College held its annual banquet on Tuesday evening, March 26, at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg.

The theme for the evening was "Happiness Is . . ." Toastmaster for the evening was Jerry Sheridan.

The message for the evening was delivered by Billy Rogers, principal of Hawkins Junior High School.

The new Baptist Student Union officers for the 1968 - 69 school year are as follows: President, Tim Thomas; Vice President, Betty Perry; Secretary and Treasurer, Sue Bond; Reporter, Delores Pfaffendorf; Publicity Chairman, Gary McInnis; Chorister, Ricky Munn; Social Chairman, Mary Hayes; Convalescent Home Representative, E. J. Tynes; Devotional Chairman, Ronnie Melton; YWA President, Mollie McGuire; Mission Fellowship, Charles Carpenter; Pianist, Mary Lynn Stampey; Street Service Chairman, Val Robinson.

Co-Lin Students Attend Retreat

Members of Copiah-Lincoln Junior College Baptist Student Union travel led to New Orleans March 29-30 for the mid-year retreat on the campus of New Orleans Seminary.

The event, designed primarily as a "renewal" retreat for new BSU officers, was centered around the theme, "Who Will Answer?"

A banquet, complete with an authentic Cajun emcee, was held in the Red Room of the Seminary cafeteria on Friday evening. Seminary faculty members led discussions on such subjects as "Cracks in the Cloister," "Is Sunday Really a Narrow Place?" and others.

Dr. Eli B. Landrum, pastor of Wesson Church, participated in the program.

Kenny Walley of Fayette is BSU president at Co-Lin and Rev. John Tadlock is BSU Director.



AT THE DEDICATION services for the new education unit at Calvary, Silver Creek, were, left to right: R. B. Shivers, Joe Sharp, James E. May, Jim Robertson, Mr. Jones, the contractor for the building, and the pastor, Rev. Sonny Adkins.

Calvary Dedicates Education Building

Dedication of Calvary Church's new educational building was held on a recent Sunday afternoon, at Silver Creek.

Rev. George Lee, Association Missionary, gave the dedication prayer and Rev. S. A. Adkins, pastor of Cal-

vary, delivered the dedication message.

Serving on the Building Committee were: R. B. Shivers, R. H. Benson, Daily Hartzog, Mrs. Arthur Welch, and Mrs. Iris Wellborn.

Following a fellowship of dinner on the grounds, open

house was held in the new educational building.

Nursery, Primary, and Beginner Departments were added, along with a spacious Fellowship Hall. The Fellowship Hall can be divided into five rooms for additional class rooms and has an efficient, modern kitchen.

400 ATTEND COSTA RICA CONGRESS

"There are no spectators in the Crusade of the Americas — we all must be participants," declared Rev. Ervin E. Haste in the opening session of the first regional evangelism congress of Baptists in Mexico and Central America.

The congress was held in San Jose, Costa Rica, February 21-25, in preparation for the Crusade of the Americas, hemisphere-wide evangelistic campaign, to culminate in 1969. Mr. Haste, missionary to Mexico, is the Crusade's regional coordinator for Mexico and Central America.

merous other decisions without the aid of any special evangelistic campaign.

Mrs. Harrod is the former Joyce Nelson of Louisa, Kentucky. They have four daughters: Carol Jean, 7; Cheryl Lea, 5; Elizabeth Ann, 3; and Teresa Lynn, 6 months.

First, Shelby completely remodeled their parsonage and received the Harrods into the town with a formal reception on February 25.



Rev. Allen Harrod, former pastor of First Church, Ceredo, West Virginia, recently accepted a call to First Church, Shelby.

He is a native of Shelbyville, Kentucky, and received a B.A. degree from Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky. He is also a graduate of Southwestern Seminary.

As pastor of First Church, Ceredo, West Virginia, he led that church into the Southern Baptist Convention. In a year and a half they had more than 60 professions of faith and nu-



Rev. Jimmy McGee, pastor of East McComb Church in McComb.

EAST McCOMB CALLS PASTOR

Rev. Jimmy McGee has accepted the call of East McComb Church in McComb.

Mr. McGee, a native of Prentiss and a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary, since January of 1963 was associate and mission pastor in First Church of Greenville. Other pastorates include: Arcola Church; Old Hebron Church in Newhebron; and Old Silver Creek Church.

Mrs. McGee is the former Mary Catherine Saning of Jackson. The McGees have three children: Richard, 9, Randy, 6, and Lisa, 3.